



LIBRETTO

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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: 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 to the Neighborhood!



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SV NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALERT!

At the end of this year, we will be filling at least two vacancies (possibly three) on the Symphony Village HOA Board of Directors. In July, we will issue a formal *Call for Nominations* to the Symphony Village community. Please consider nominating individuals (or yourself) that you feel would be excellent candidates for these important positions.

The process will continue throughout the next few months, with Home Owner Voting in the November timeframe, and the Election Results announced at the December HOA Annual Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 7. We will be keeping everyone updated throughout the process.

Please keep an eye out for complete details, nomination instructions, etc., in the July edition of the *Libretto*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lifestyle – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair, Randy Officer, Vice-Chair, & Pat Fox, Correspondent

Happy Hour – Saturday, June 18 – 6 - 8 p.m., hosted by CERT Team

Church Hill Theatre – Sunday, June 26 – 2 p.m., *Fiddler on the Roof*—Happy Hour at Clubhouse – 5 p.m.

Happy Hour – Friday July 1 – 6 - 8 p.m. hosted by Candi Nilsson, Peggy Decker, and Lois Hresko

July 4th Picnic – Monday, July 4 – Parade at noon and picnic to follow (food on your own). There are **EIGHTEEN** days until the 4th of July Picnic. Fill up your picnic basket, gather the family, and come have fun. Come early and participate in or watch the Parade from the Clubhouse. Place your chairs on your front lawn, watch the Parade, and then come up to the picnic.

As usual, beer, wine, and soda will be available at both the outside and inside bars. Bring desserts to share. There will be plenty of incredible desserts. Horseshoe, corn hole, and bocce ball will be available. Music will fill the air.

Lifestyle Meeting – Monday, July 11, 7 p.m.

Happy Hour – Saturday, July 16, 6 - 8 p.m. – hosted by Debbie and Gary Greenwald.

THANKS TO ACME for sponsoring a terrific Happy Hour! Acme would like to return to SV for another Happy Hour. Please remember their generosity when you do your shopping!

THANKS to Todd Peenstra for another extraordinary *Antiques Roadshow* event at SV!

NEW YORK CITY TRIPS:

SPECIAL NOTE – Tickets can still be purchased until **June 15** for the **August 24** performance of the musical *Beautiful*. Cost is **\$170 pp** for the trip. Sign up in the **Activities Book** or contact **Dominick Mancinelli** to reserve and pay for your tickets. **Correspondent’s Note: This is a terrific musical!!**

More Shows:

- October 5 – *On Your Feet*- \$190 pp.
- October 8- **Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9-11 Memorial (not Museum)**, Little Italy for dinner (on your own). \$105pp.
- November 5 – **9-11 Memorial Museum**, Little Italy for dinner on your own. \$115 pp. Sign up and pay by June 15.
- December 2 – **Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular** – 11:30 a.m. matinee. \$149 pp. 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.



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HAPPY HOURS AVAILABLE FOR HOSTING:

Please consider hosting one of the following Happy Hours:

- **Friday, September 2**
- **Saturday, September 17**
- **Friday, October 7**
- **Saturday, November 19**
- **Friday, December 2**
- **Saturday, December 17**

NEED HOSTS FOR HAPPY HOURS – FREE DRINKS AND FOOD!

To keep the fun rolling, Lifestyle Committee members will be asking folks who attend these functions to please agree to host future Happy Hours! Happy Hour hosts and hostesses will now be able to drink for free and don't have to bring food! What a deal!

This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the Activities Book that includes the step-by-step guide. You can select a theme if you wish which we will advertise. You will greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself through the evening, and help with simple cleanup at the end. If interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Margo Wagner to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help.

EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

MGM-National Harbor
Future Health Fair

SUMMER PICNIC TEAM MEETING - The place to be on Wednesday, June 15, is at the summer picnic team meeting. This meeting will be the final meeting for the summer picnic and the first meeting for the Labor Day Picnic. New team members are needed for setup, meet and greet, outside bar, desserts, and clean up—just a few of the exciting jobs. Leadership positions are still available.

You can also come, watch, and train for next year. Put the date on your calendar. Any questions, contact Skip at skornmeyer@msn.com or 443-386-6553.

Reminder!

The bar and coffee station are dependent on the honor system. If there is no honor, there is no bar and/or coffee station.

HAPPY HOUR HOSTED BY ACME A GREAT SUCCESS!

The June 3 Happy Hour was a great success thanks to the efforts of Margo Wagner, Barbara Rosdail, Zina Lichaa, and Carolyn Harty. Over 200 SV residents attended the event. Donna Benton, the Centreville Acme Store Director, sponsored the happy hour and provided a delicious array of chicken wings, fried chicken, deli sandwiches, salads, steamed shrimp, and fruit and veggies with dip. Acme topped off the evening with trays of baked goods and two beautifully decorated sheet cakes. A special Thank You to Mary Elizabeth Covington McDade who provided the contact information to Margo Wagner and her team.





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A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

The Memorial Day Picnic was a great success. Skip Kornmeyer chaired the Picnic Committee and organized a very successful event with over 150 residents attending. Adams Taphouse and Grill, previously known as Adams Ribs, catered the event. Residents interested in participating and planning the picnic were urged to attend meetings early in the spring. The Dessert Table, provided by SV residents, was varied, delicious, and beautiful! Residents provided many wonderful cookies, cakes, and a watermelon sculpture to mark the occasion.



Fruit sculpture by Zina Lichaa

Landscaping Committee - Dominick Mancinelli, Chair; Michael Norris, Vice Chair; DeAnn Cheyne, Correspondent

The landscaping in Symphony Village makes our community one of the most attractive developments of this type anywhere. Continuous maintenance, care, and improvements keep SV looking this way. The primary tree-scaping projects are the maintenance of inventory and assessment of SV trees. The inventory provides us with an overview of what trees we have, where they are located, and their health status. In the process of establishing this inventory, our professional arborist, Bob Stanley who is currently under contract with

Symphony Village for a second year, made several recommendations that have saved many trees from being removed or replaced. This has resulted in a significant savings to the community.

The first phase of the inventory was done on the *Street Trees*. These are the trees in front of our homes that are planted between the curb and sidewalk. I am sure that you have noticed the improvement to the tree beds. The tree bed project consisted of expanding the bed area, loosening the soil around the tree, and covering the bed with *Leaf Grow*--manufactured compost. This project, which will encourage healthy tree growth, is almost completed. *Complete Landscaping*, our landscaping contractor, is waiting for more *Leaf Grow* compost to be made available in order to complete the project. The availability of this compost has been slowed by the wet spring weather. The beds that have been filled with peat moss will be covered with *Leaf Grow* compost as soon as it becomes available.

The next phase of the inventory will cover the *Common Area Trees*. Mr. Stanley reports that this inventory is underway. This phase of the project will create an overall view of the common area trees with an analysis of the condition of each individual tree. This process will take several weeks to complete. Once completed, a detailed plan of action will be created and implemented. Trees identified with acute situations will receive immediate care. Those with severe needs will receive attention as identified.

As always, if you have a concern about any of the community trees in the common areas, please bring your concern to the management office. They will forward it to the appropriate committee for review.



Operations & Maintenance - Pat Fox, Chair; Dominick Mancinelli, Vice-Chair; Jinny Guy, Secretary

THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

- Deteriorated sidewalk sections targeted for replacement have been completed.
- The indoor pool will close for several days for a deep cleaning. The outdoor pool will be available.
- The Tree subcommittee has been formally transferred to the Irrigation & Landscape Committee.
- The worn felt covers on the two pool tables will be replaced.
- The Operations Transition Subcommittee has received its charter from the HOA Board and will be reviewing a list of components in areas that have not yet been turned over to the HOA or the Town for maintenance responsibility. Included are streets, sidewalks and curbs, trees and shrubs, signage, lighting, fencing, etc.

SPECIAL STORAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE:

At the SVHOA Board meeting held on May 31, the Board unanimously approved a motion to have the Operations Committee issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to architectural firms. The architectural firms will prepare designs and develop conceptual plans for expanding the Clubhouse for storage only or a combination of storage and concert hall spaces. The firms will also be required to develop conceptual cost estimates to accompany the plans.

The Storage Committee anticipates sending the RFP to four architectural firms by mid-June and will be conducting the proposal review and interview process over the summer.

OUTREACH – *Bea Trotta, President*

DINNER AT THE CREAMERY ON JUNE 17!

Join us at the Commerce Street Creamery for a delicious dinner to benefit Symphony Village Outreach. The event will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Friday, June 17**, with a percentage of the purchases going to Outreach!

The menu will include prime rib sliders, burgers, Rueben's, spinach and feta or tomato and olive puffs with a side salad, chicken salad croissants, soups, salads, and sandwiches! Don't forget the ice cream for dessert. Beer, wine, and cocktails will be offered along with coffee drinks and a special drink for the night—a Mango Bellini! Table service has been put off for a bit; however, we will have some volunteers to assist in getting the food out to customers.

Rick and Val host a variety of special events and fundraisers such as rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, and corporate holiday events to name a few. The venue is available most evenings beginning at 5 p.m. The menu offerings range from dinner parties with classic homemade entrées and sides to cocktail receptions with small bites such as crab dip, meatballs, scallops wrapped in bacon, prime roast beef sliders, and much more. With a bar available and a catering license for on-location alcohol service, Val and Rick's services are practically limitless. Be sure to ask for their Catering Menu!

Please come and help to support Symphony Village Outreach as well as our local business friends at the Creamery!

FUNDRAISER AT "ACCENTS"

Save the Date! Plan now to spend a bit of time (and money!) shopping at "Accents" on **Sunday, August 14**, between noon and 5 p.m. "Accents" is located in the Queenstown Outlets and sells fashion accessories – costume jewelry, watches, scarves, pocketbooks, wristlets, etc. "Accents" management has graciously agreed to donate 20% of the total sales that afternoon to SV Outreach Program, Inc. Spread the word to family and friends!

6TH ANNUAL ARTISAN'S FAIR

More than half of the available spaces have been filled for Outreach's 6th Artisans' Fair on **Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**, at the Clubhouse. If you are thinking of participating, please don't wait too long – we had a waiting list last year. Registration Forms are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse, or you can contact Linda Blume and receive one via email.

If you have a craft that you are passionate about and "inventory" to sell...we want you!

OUTREACH ANNOUNCES NEW HISTORIAN

Outreach would like to announce that Margo Wagner has been unanimously elected as Outreach Historian. She will replace Shirley Clarke who so capably served as Outreach Historian for many years and has recently moved from Symphony Village.

Please join us in congratulating Margo on her new Outreach position.



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LIBRETTO EDITORS

There are three editors for the *Libretto* on a rotating schedule: Carol Hodges, Brenda Stoltz, and Marge Strano. Articles are submitted to all three by the tenth of the month, but only the current editor handles the articles. Submission to all three allows for a cross check. The *current editor emails the Libretto* to the whole committee for online editing. Finally, on the 15th or a day or two before, a few members of the committee meet and edit a hard copy. Thanks to all! (Can you believe we still have errors after all of this?)

ADVERTISERS

Thanks to all of the residents who use our advertisers. The revenue for these ads pays for the publication of the newsletter. There are usually extra monies that are applied to the general fund. To keep the revenue coming, residents are encouraged to ask businesses and services patronized to advertise in the *Libretto*. You can give the prospective advertisers a printed copy of the [AD RATES](#) from the SV Website or ask them to go to www.symphonyvillage.net/libretto/ and click on *Ad Rates*.

CALENDAR NAME CHANGE

At the request of a few residents, the online Canonical Calendar will now be known as the [Master Calendar](#). This is the best source for *happenings* during any given time period. It should be noted that clicking on an event brings up the details; therefore, when submitting an event to Sue Canfield, it is important to give all of the information you want included.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President; Bea Trotta, Correspondent

NOVEMBERFEST

Sneakers' *Novemberfest* gala event will be held on **Saturday, November 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. If you haven't marked your calendar as yet, please remember to do so soon.

Crow Vineyard and Winery, located in Kennedyville, will be hosting our *Novemberfest* winetasting event. *Crow Vineyard* is a 365-acre farm vineyard that not only features their award winning farm-crafted wines but also features a Bed and Breakfast on site that overflows with rustic charm.

At our upcoming *Novemberfest*, you will have an opportunity to taste *Crow Vineyard's* exciting assortment of wines, local craft beers, and liquors and again enjoy Sneakers signature hors d'oeuvres. There also will be a special assortment of raffle items, gift baskets, and interesting prizes you can win. Further information will be shared over the next few months.

Tickets will be available **Monday, August 15**, at a cost of \$25 per person. Be sure to get your tickets before they run out; only 150 tickets will be sold.

Centreville Elementary School Cubby Chorale

A big thank you is extended to the students of the Centreville Elementary School Cubby Chorale for their impressive performance at our Clubhouse in May. The performance was the students' way of thanking the Symphony Village residents for their generosity throughout the year. In December they will return to our Clubhouse to again perform for us. If you missed their last performance, you will not want to miss the next one.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Sneakers gave \$5,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors this month. Both the students and the school administrators are most appreciative of our donation. This donation is made possible through your generosity. Thank you for your continued support.

Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 18**, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We always are looking for new members.



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Bocce Banter - Don Rizzo

The kickoff Open Bocce Session on Wednesday, June 8, turned into a rousing success. We apologize for the overcrowded parking lot. Special parking permits on a first-come first-served basis and shuttle service from Walgreens are on the agenda for future Bocce sellout events. Seriously though, every court was filled and not only filled but also filled with “good guys.” One “good guy” brought a leaf blower and cleaned off the courts before play started. This particular “good guy” wants to remain anonymous (however, Tom's father was a famous actor named Richard and his stepmother had eyes of violet and a horse named Velvet). He also happens to be



the same “good guy” who organizes trash receptacles in the early hours of the morning so you don’t have to retrieve them in your jammies.

Two other “good guys” were Allan and Don who instructed and nurtured six new players so that, by the end of the session, they were capable of kicking butt as good as any of the experienced brood.

Another “good guy” was Rose who, although exhausted from organizing last week’s Naval Academy graduation ball for over 3,000 attendees, came to our bocce courts to exhibit that her skills were not restricted to creating lifelong memories for these deserving newly commissioned naval officers and their families

So, if you’re a “good guy” and haven’t joined the Bocce Bunch on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; or, if you’re not a “good guy” and would like to become one, come on over and join us. We have decided to play every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and welcome one and all to join the fun. If interest so warrants, we may consider challenge matches for bragging rights, formal leagues for competitive play, and picnic tournaments. Someone has even suggested a new game called Strip Bocce but the jury is still out on that one. Notice we do not divulge last names because our “good guys” are modest, *Ah Shucks* kind of guys – plus they don’t want to be identified in the event Strip Bocce becomes a reality... **Let the good times roll!**



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Book Club - Jack Hennessey

At our May 17 meeting we reviewed the book *The Circle*, recommended by DeAnn Cheyne. The time is somewhere in the not too distant future. The setting is naturally a major city in California. The Circle is the most powerful internet company ever conceived. It is owned and ruled by the Three Wise Men. The company demands transparency in all things. Two of its many slogans are SECRETS ARE LIES and PRIVACY IS THEFT.

Anonymity is banished, and everyone's past is revealed. The heroine, Mae Holland, is invited by her friend Annie to join The Circle. It is the dream of a lifetime! The story shows how Mae eventually outshines her friend, but then is disillusioned with the entire concept. It is a very long novel, written by Dave Eggers, consisting of one long chapter, with no breaks. A tough read. On a scale of 1 to 10, it received a rating of 6.1.

The book for our June 21 meeting is *Orphan X*, by Gregg Hurwitz. Evan Smoak, an orphan, is selected by Jack Johns to be trained in a government program of covert assassins. After completing several secret assignments, with every conceivable luxury, facility, and extensive training, Evan decides to break free of the program. His nemesis is another member of the program, Orphan O. They are pitted one against the other. It rivals Jack Reacher in its suspenseful conclusion! A recommended read!

Gazebo Garden & Victory Garden Club - Jack Hennessey

Well, we did not completely finish the 20 beds in the Gazebo Garden in time for the Memorial Day Picnic, but we did acquire ten American flags which were placed strategically around the garden. Unfortunately, one of the flags was broken off by a child who was running wildly around the garden. *C'est la vie!* We did get many compliments on the numerous daffodils that were in bloom on Memorial Day. Several families have accepted our invitation to use the gazebo for a family picnic. We did buy two hanging baskets of portulacas, which were placed on either side of the memorial stone. The flowers are watered every day; they will bloom all summer. One other daily chore is removing the early stages of robin's nests in the rafters of the gazebo.

Many thanks to Gary Greenwald for repairing our tiller at the Victory Garden. Unfortunately, due to 32 straight days of rain, we were unable to get the garden tilled, so our gardening season has been cancelled. We are sorry to disappoint those people who had asked for a plot in the garden. Since the building project will be completed this year, the garden plot will revert to the original owner. It was fun while it lasted! But, we still have openings for gardeners in the Gazebo Garden. Call Jack at 410-758-4872 if you are interested.

Ending on a good note—Caruso did mulch all 20 beds in the Gazebo Garden!!!



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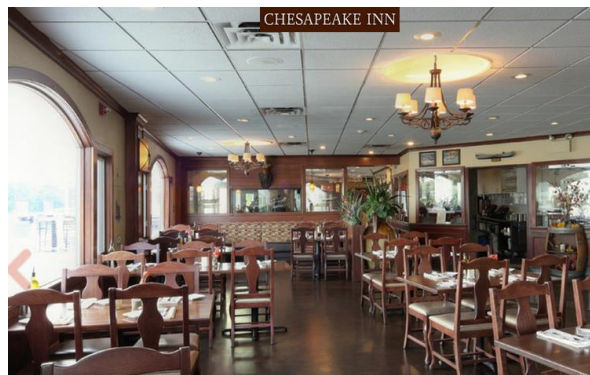
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Lunch Bunch— *Bea Trotta, Marge Strano*

The July Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the Chesapeake Inn Restaurant on **Thursday, July 14**, at 12:30 p.m. *Note that the Lunch Bunch will meet on the second Thursday in July.* The Chesapeake Inn Restaurant is located in Chesapeake City, Maryland, at 605 Second Street. There is a parking lot at the Inn and parking on the street throughout the shopping area. We look forward to wonderful lunch and a beautiful, sunny day. The Chesapeake City shopping area is adjacent to the Inn and runs along the 165 year old C & D Canal that joins the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. 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.

Dining In - *Victoria Weber*

Nancie and Don Cameron hosted ten guests at the May Dining In event. I did not attend, but was told by one of the guests that the evening was delightful. They served a baked ham that was complemented by twice-baked potatoes, asparagus, and a delicious salad. Of course they started the evening with an assortment of appetizers and wine. Many thanks to the Camerons!

The sign-up sheet for June is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please remember to sign up. This will be our last "Dining In" until September. We will resume on September 25. I am happy to announce that Debi and Bill Wells will be the new coordinators starting in September. I welcome the Wells; they are very enthusiastic and excited about the program. Please give them all of your support. Dining In is a wonderful way to meet neighbors in our SV community. Please do not hesitate to participate; we invite both singles and couples to attend. Thank you for your support this year and especially thank you to those who hosted such wonderful dinners while I was the coordinator.

Social Singles - *Carol Donnelly*

Social Singles had a great time at our *indoor picnic* last month. The rain moved the picnic inside: but everyone had a great time!!! Here are events that we are planning for the next few months. We are always open to new ideas from our members. If you are new to Symphony Village or have not attended any of our events, please come to our meeting next week.

Friday, June 17: Fundraiser at the Creamery— dinner 4 - 7 p.m.!! Anyone interested???

Sunday, June 26: Church Hill Theatre. We will join the community to attend *Fiddler on the Roof*. Singles will meet in the parking lot to carpool. More information at our meeting this week.

Wednesday, July 13: Lunch at the Crab Deck. Meet at the parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

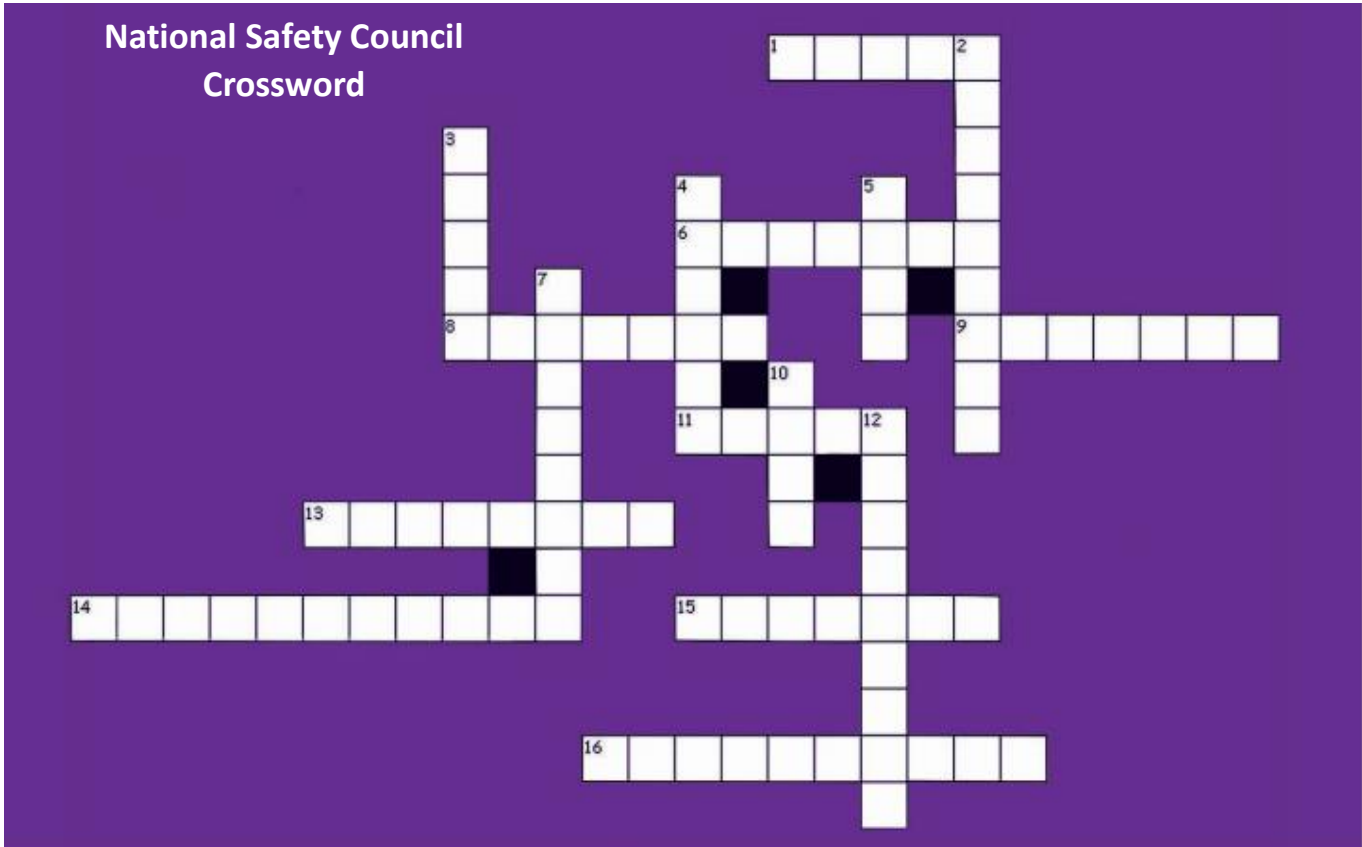
Sunday, August 21: Tred Avon Players/ Oxford. Meet at the parking lot 12:30 p.m. *Celtic Thunder and Riverdance*. Sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book. Meet at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Dinner at *Schooner's* after the theater.

Wednesday, September 21: Steamed Crab lunch at our Pavilion picnic area. More to come on this.

Our next meeting is Tuesday: July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse Conference Room. See you!!

Every June the National Safety Council (NSC) focuses on reducing leading causes of injury, including within our homes and communities. Your Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team promotes awareness to avoid injuries and, with a hot summer on our heels, of exposure to excessive heat. According to 'Injury Facts 2016,' the annual statistical report on unintentional injuries produced by the NSC, heat related illnesses could escalate rapidly, leading to serious conditions including organ damage and even death. Heat-related illnesses include: heatstroke (the most severe), heat exhaustion and heat cramps. For more details to avoid these injuries visit the NSC website: <http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/news-and-resources-surviving-the-hot-weather.aspx>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Please attend the Saturday, **June 18, SV CERT Happy Hour (6 p.m.!)** where you'll see lots of valuable info on what to do in cases of heat-related illnesses and much more for you and your families to stay safe. Come and join the fun!



Across

1. Keeping an eye out for hazards can help you identify and _____ them before an injury occurs.
6. Check your emails and send your texts before you start _____.
8. Never use a cell phone while _____, even hands-free.
9. Discuss the dangers of mixing prescription drugs with _____.
11. Check to make sure your _____ detector is working properly.
13. Provide adequate _____ in every room and stairway.
14. Prescription _____ account for more drug overdoses than heroin and cocaine combined.
15. When driving on long trips, take regular breaks to avoid _____.
16. When calling 9-1-1, stay on the line until the _____ says you can hang up.

Down

2. _____ an alcohol and drug-free driver or arrange alternate transportation.
3. More than a third of _____ injuries and deaths happen at home.
4. Signs of painkiller addiction include excessive mood _____ or anxiety.
5. Always allow adequate _____ to get to your destination.
7. All medicines and _____ should always be kept up and away and out of a child's reach.
10. Keep a fully stocked emergency preparedness kit in your _____ and vehicle.
12. Practice _____ drills with your family.

Answers are at the top of the next page.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Queen Anne's Chorale

Kathryn Marchi, an SV resident, has been named as the new incoming President of the Queen Anne's Chorale Board of Directors. In addition, Eleanor Strietman, also an SV resident, will be doing publicity for the Chorale.



The Chorale is currently gearing up for the Christmas Gala, *Holiday Flourish*, scheduled for **December 3** at Chesapeake College. Robert Huntington is the Artistic Director and Cynthia Bidinotto-Slate is the Accompanist for the Queen Anne's Chorale. We are fortunate to have many SV residents sing with the Chorale on a regular basis. Put **December 3** on your calendar and support your neighbors by attending an inspirational December performance. Check the photo to identify your neighbors!

Recipe of the Month - *From the Kitchen of Willie DiLaura*

FUDGE BROWNIE TARTS

Ingredients:

- 3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1/3 c. butter
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c. whipping cream
- 1/2 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips



Top with your choice –coarse sea salt, white chocolate chips, crushed peppermint, chopped nuts, or crushed Heath Bars.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 24 mini muffin cups and set aside.

In a medium heavy saucepan, combine unsweetened chocolate and butter. Cook and stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Add sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Beat lightly with a wooden spoon just until combined. Stir in flour. Spoon a generous tablespoon of the batter in each prepared muffin cup.

Bake in a preheated oven for 12 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for five minutes. Remove brownies from muffin cups and place on wire rack; let cool.

For glaze: In a small saucepan, heat whipping cream over low heat just until it simmers; remove from heat. Add chocolate pieces, stirring until melted. Place chopped toffee in a shallow dish. Dip top of each brownie into glaze, sprinkle with toffee bits. Return to wire rack and allow glaze to set. Makes 24 tarts.

To store: Place brownies in a single layer in an airtight container. Store in a refrigerator for up to three days. Freezes well.

Note: I melt the chocolate in a microwave.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Mosaic Mural Community Work Day



Join artist Jen Wagner to help create an exterior mosaic mural at Callahan's Laundry (117 E. Water Street) in Centreville on **Saturday, June 25**, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The [QAC Arts Council](#) is sponsoring a Summer Camp for children June 20 – 24 and June 27 – July 1 to work on this mural. Community members will have the opportunity to help on Community Work Days which will continue, as needed, on **Saturdays, July 9, July 16, and July 30.**

5th Annual Two Rivers Bike Ride



The [Two Rivers Bike Ride](#) will take place on **Saturday, June 25**, 6:30 a.m. – noon. The 15, 30, 66, and 100-miles routes are scenic rides on wide-shouldered and back roads in Queen Anne's County. Proceeds benefit the Wye River Upper School. Go to the website for all the details and to register.

Camp New Dawn Fundraiser



Join Compass Regional Hospice for a Fundraiser benefitting Camp New Dawn on **Thursday, June 30**, 5 – 8 p.m., at Fisherman's Crab Deck (3116 Main Street) in Grasonville. Camp New Dawn is a healing grief retreat for children, teens, and families. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106, kleager@compassregionalhospice.org.

Fireworks and Family Fun Event



Centreville's [Independence Day Celebration](#) will be on **Saturday, July 2**, beginning at 6 p.m. with the Family Fun Event at the QAC High School parking lot, with Fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m. There will be bouncy houses, food, and music.

Centreville Block Party



The Block Party will take place on **Friday, July 8**, 6 p.m., on West Water Street. Organized by An Optical Galleria, in coordination with other business sponsors, this event includes live music, food (\$), contests, information tables, and more. For more information, call 443-262-9415.

Paintbrush Party



A [Paintbrush Party](#) will be held on **Friday, July 15**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the QAC Centre for the Arts in Centreville as a fundraiser for Adkins Arboretum. Enjoy music, refreshments, and good

company while receiving step-by-step instruction from a local artist to complete your own masterpiece. The cost is \$45 per person, and you may register on the website.

Estate Treasures’ “Match-The-Date Discount Sale”



Estate Treasures is an upscale resale shop whose proceeds benefit Compass Regional Hospice. There will be a [Match-The-Date Discount Sale](#) on **Wednesday, June 15: 15% off**; **Monday, June 20: 20 % off**; and **Thursday, June 30: 30% off**. Estate Treasures is located at 17 Kent Towne Market in Chester and is open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-643-7360. ALSO: 25% off to seniors every Tuesday!

Ideas for Summer Recreation

Now that summer is here, you might want to plan some day trips. Here are some websites that will give you some ideas:

- [Queen Anne's County Tourism](#)
- [Caroline County Tourism](#)
- [Kent County Tourism](#)
- [Talbot County Tourism](#)
- [Maryland State Parks on the Eastern Shore](#)



To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

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