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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.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



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137 Concerto Avenue

THE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Storage Committee — *Pat Fox*

On September 14, the SVHOA Board of Directors held a special Board meeting to address hiring an architectural firm to develop conceptual design options for storage and a possible expansion of the Concert Hall as well as construction cost estimates. The Committee made a presentation to the Board summarizing the previous storage needs analysis and the recent proposal process to solicit bids from professional design companies and answered Board and residents questions.

Four members were present. Three members voted in favor of the contract “not to exceed” a quote of \$15,000. The Board President – who votes in the event of a tie – did not vote as there were three affirmatives. This phase will address design alternatives as well as develop cost estimates to build an expansion. There will be a community meeting during the design phase to explore the results of the Committee’s work.

The Centreville firm of Torchio Architects will be hired to complete concept design and cost estimating. This contract is exploratory and does not commit SV to building the project. It is the first of several “building blocks” on the way to having a final product should we as a Community vote to do so. Stay tuned for more news!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants — *Christopher P. Pariseau, Chair*

The election season is here and many of you may want to show your support for your candidates. The Maryland HOA Law stipulates that political support signs are allowed in HOA communities. There is a window of 30 days for the placement of candidate election signs. This is the wording directly from the Maryland HOA Act:

“In accordance with provisions of Federal, State, and Local law; or (3) If a limitation to the time period during which signs may be displayed is not specified by a law of the jurisdiction in which the homeowners association is located, to a time period not less than: (i) 30 days before the primary election, general election, or vote on the proposition; and (ii) 7 days after the primary election, general election, or vote on the proposition.”

No signs may be placed on common property. The General Election is slated for November 8. If you want to place signs on your property, you may do so on October 8, and they must be removed by November 15.

Lifestyle — *Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Randy Officer, Vice Chair; Pat Fox, Correspondent*

- **Happy Hour – Saturday, September 17, 6 p.m.**– Hosted by Randy Officer & Zina Lichaa
- **Lifestyle Meeting – Monday, October 3, 7 p.m.**
- **Happy Hour – Friday, October 7, 6 p.m.** – Hosted by Anita Dell
- **Fall Yard Sale – Saturday, October 8, – 8 a.m. – noon** (Rain Date – Saturday, October 15)*
- **Happy Hour – Saturday, October 15, 6 p.m.** – Hosted by Vinny Volpicelli & Mary Jo Keefe

***Fall Yard Sale** – Saturday, October 8. Registration fee is \$5 per household. Please sign up on the sheet in the Activities Book and pay Cindy (checks made out to the SVHOA). Committee members will purchase balloons to drop at your house that morning. Advertising will be done in area papers and SV media (ECHOES, *Libretto*, Facebook) and signs will be placed in the area.

To All Who Made The August 2016 Lifestyle Events Great – Thank You!!

- **Happy Birthday July & August Babies Happy Hour**
- **Trivial Pursuit**
- **Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour & Swim Party**
- **Ice Cream Social**

Thank you to Gary & Debbie Greenwald for buying a new vacuum for Happy Hour use! Makes the cleanup part of hosting so much easier! Thanks Gary & Debbie!

NEW YORK CITY TRIPS:

- October 8- **Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9-11 Memorial (not Museum)** – Little Italy for dinner (on your own) - \$105 pp.

This trip departs at 7 a.m. from the SV Clubhouse. A bagel and juice breakfast will be served. Bring your own hot drink. Return time is approximately 10 p.m. Interested residents can sign up with Cindy at the Clubhouse. Please bring your checks at the same time.

COMING SOON – Announcement of Chesapeake College Todd Performing Arts Center’s 2016/2017 Season. In the past, we have had groups of SV residents attend and follow up with a Happy Hour afterwards at the Clubhouse. Some plays and events soon to be announced are:

- October 20-28, Women's One Act Play (weeklong event)
- November 19, Always Patsy Cline (\$40)
- March 3, 2017, Motown Review (\$45)
- Several Family/Children's Presentations

ALL HAPPY HOUR HOSTING POSITIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR 2016! THANKS EVERYONE!

Please Volunteer to Host for 2017 Happy Hours: Hosts receive 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! This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the Activities Book which 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 –

- New Year's Eve Party
- MGM-National Harbor

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Outreach – *Bea Trotta, President*

BINGO is Back!



Outreach's BINGO Night resumed for the season on Friday, September 9, with a small but enthusiastic crowd. No one won the jackpot, so on **Friday, October 14**, the jackpot will be \$75 and 51 numbers will be drawn. Don't forget that grandchildren are welcome!

Fifth (and absolutely final) SV Name Tag Campaign is Underway



Outreach will conduct a final SV Name Tag Campaign **September 15 – November 15**. The name tag design will be the same as in the past – gold with black lettering and the Clubhouse logo on the left side. Use the easy-order envelope to place your order (envelopes are available in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse), filling in all the requested information. The price is \$12.50 each. Place your check (made out to SVOPI) or “cold hard cash” in the envelope and bring it back to the Clubhouse. The magnetic back is the most popular choice, but if you have a pacemaker, you must order a pin back. Outreach needs to have at

least 51 name tags ordered to get the price quoted, so your check will be held (i.e., not deposited) until 51 is reached. If the 51 minimum order is not met, your payment will be returned. Delivery is expected 4 – 6 weeks after November 15. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Quigley (lorettaquigley@yahoo.com).

Eldercare and Palliative Care Program



The University of Maryland Memorial Hospital Foundation, on behalf of Outreach, will be conducting a

free Eldercare and Palliative Care Program for all the residents of Symphony Village on **Monday, October 5, at 6 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. They are offering this seminar to thank Symphony Village residents for their generosity and support of the University of Maryland Shore Health Emergency Center in Queenstown. The Eldercare portion of the program will focus on necessary planning documents, tax planning, and the new Maryland **Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)**.

The Palliative Care portion will focus on a frequently misunderstood and underutilized medical specialty that can improve the quality of life for people who are dealing with chronic conditions or illness. It is important to know that this care is not Hospice care.

We hope you will join us for this interesting, informative program presented in a practical format that is easy to understand.

Paintbrush Party Sponsored by Symphony Village Outreach



There will be a Paintbrush Party on **Friday, October 21, 7 – 9 p.m.**, at the Goodwill Fire Company Firehouse in Centreville. Sarah Lyle will be our instructor. Our subject will be a sailboat. The cost for all materials and instruction will be \$45. SV Outreach will make \$10 on each ticket sold. Wine and cheese will be provided for your enjoyment. Come, paint, have fun, and take a completed picture home! The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please make checks out to SVOPI and give them to Cindy at the Clubhouse or place them in the black box on the counter. Please contact Sue Canfield if you have any questions.

Outreach's Team for the Spelling Bee Has Been Announced



Outreach has announced its team for the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library Adult Spelling Bee to be held on **Thursday, October 20**, at Wye River Upper School in Centreville: Terri O'Connell, Teri Nudo, and Eleanor Strietman. Wouldn't it be great to have another team representing Symphony Village as well? HOA Board of Directors? Operations Committee? Others? Go to the [August Libretto](#) for details including the website with the official Rules and Regulations. And, plan to support the SV Outreach Team at the Spelling Bee – spectators admitted free!

6TH ANNUAL ARTISANS' FAIR

Saturday, September 17
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SV Clubhouse
24 Artisans

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Hand-Crafted Items!

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Opportunity!

Lunch
Mini-Quick Breads & Muffins
Door Prizes, Raffles

SEE YOU THERE!

8th Annual Neighborhood Food Drive Coming Soon!



Mark your calendars for what should be our biggest collection of food yet! Our Outreach-sponsored Annual Food Drive will take place from **Wednesday, November 16, through Sunday, November 20**. Food will then be delivered to QAC Social Services for distribution before Thanksgiving. Twelve houses will be collection sites. Catch a good sale or two and stock up early on non-perishable items. As time gets closer, watch for more information in the October *Libretto*, ECHOES, and the Home Page (formerly called the Daily Bulletin). Need more information now? Call Loretta Quigley, Event Chair, at 410-758-6775 or email lorettaquigley@yahoo.com.

Publications & Communications—Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

Libretto Archives

Residents should be aware that all old *Librettos* are located in the *Libretto Archives* located on the [Libretto page](#) of the Website.

Posting Events

Currently, events are posted on ECHOES, the Home Page (HP), Symphony Village Facebook Page, *Libretto*, and by eBlast. We are requesting that all official business be posted on the Website; hence, the best place would be the Home Page. Send all events to Linda Blume or Carol Hodges so they can post them on the HP and to Sue Canfield so that she can put them on the Master and Weekly Calendars. Of course, the other sites will be fine to post as well. But residents are encouraged to check the Website to see what is happening. Need help setting up a Bookmark or Favorite, contact Carol Hodges.

Welcome Nite!



**JOIN US to MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS,
LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR NEW COMMUNITY,
and**

ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Monday, September 19, at 7 p.m.

Clubhouse - Concert Hall

Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse or
RSVP to eileen@rowley.org or [703-946-1075](tel:703-946-1075)

***Optional: Have your photo taken for the SV Directory.
Order SV name tags for \$12.50.**

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Announcement

Sneakers Inaugural Novemberfest Wine Tasting

Saturday, November 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At the Clubhouse

Tickets Now Available

\$25/person

Only 150 Tickets will be sold

Charity event to benefit the QAC Public School Students



Sneakers Novemberfest Wine Tasting to be held on **Saturday, November 5**, is rapidly approaching. Crow Vineyard and Winery will be hosting the event; and, in addition to the wine tasting, there will be tastings of local craft beers and various liquors. Our signature hors d'oeuvres will be on the menu, several gift baskets will be auctioned off, and raffles will be held to win restaurant gift certificates.

Tickets are now on sale. Remember, tickets must be paid for at the time of sign-up. Checks should be made payable to Symphony Sneakers.

A sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. You can place your check in the Symphony Village Cash Box. Please follow the instructions posted near the Activities Book when signing up by placing one person's name on each line. We can only accommodate 150 people.

We hope you will join us for an evening filled with delicious wines, good food, wonderful prizes, and great camaraderie.

School Book Giveaway

Soon, Sneakers will be hosting the elementary school book giveaways. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse in the near future. Your help with these events is greatly appreciated. The students always arrive at school on these days with a big smile on their faces.

Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 12, at 2 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. New members are always welcome.



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CLUBS AND CLASSES

Bird Club – Linda Blume



The 24th Annual [Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival](#) will take place **October 6 – 9**. Experience migration along the Eastern Flyway on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Events include guided tours, hikes, boat trips, kayak tours, workshops, family activities, and much more. All the events are described on the website. Make your plans early and register on the website – some events have already sold out.

If you would like to join our little group of SV Birders, just let me know. There is a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book as well.

Bocce Ball – Don Rizzo

Labor Day Picnic Bocce Tournament

It was as if there was nothing else going on in the world this Labor Day weekend. Anyone who was anyone seemed to have gravitated to the Symphony Village bocce courts for the final bocce tournament of the year. A record number of 26 participants representing 12 teams registered for the challenge, all hopeful of winning the much coveted championship crown. Spectators exhibited never before seen aggression jockeying for front row seats. A quick survey showed they came from near and far to witness this eagerly awaited event. Some came as far as, well even as far away as Opera Court.

The stage was set early in this single elimination event as the Hodges surged out of the gate and edged out a very strong Lichaa team in a 9-8 thriller. The crowd saw this victory as an omen as they roared their approval screaming for more action. They were not disappointed as the Levin/Drake team then upset the Hodges 9-7 in another down to the wire challenge. That's the way it went all afternoon – the gladiators in the arena providing the action and the spectators in the stands gleefully showing their appreciation. When the dust had settled, the Char and Fred Kurst team and the Allan Levin and George Drake team had, between them, eliminated all the others and faced each other in the final match. Although exhausted from the journey to the championship match, both teams reached down deep for this final effort. The score is irrelevant. The match was of championship caliber. The winners, and this year's **Labor Day champs – Allan Levin and George Drake**. Congratulations! Although we had winners this day, there were no losers. The matches were filled with fun-filled banter and a friendly, good-natured, competitive spirit which epitomizes what a Labor Day celebration is all about. Our thanks to all participants, to all spectators, and a special thanks for the early morning set up efforts of Tom Burton and Brenda Kelly as well as the final, late afternoon clean up assistance of the Levin/Drake team who proved to be real champs in helping out although exhausted from their victory.

Looking forward to seeing you at our informal bocce sessions on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. If Wednesdays don't fit your schedule, call Don Rizzo at 443-262-8192, and we'll see if we can start an additional time and day for those interested.



1st: George Drake & Allan Levin / 2nd: Char & Fred Kurst

Symphony Village Travel Team

September 6, the opening day of Chestertown's Ye Olde Bocce League Fall Season and your Symphony Village Travel Team, playing under the name the **Good Time Rollers**, proved to be a force to be reckoned with. In a thrilling barn-burner, they outlasted their well-experienced opponents 17-15, immediately gaining the attention of the other teams in the League. Due to conflicting commitments, the only players able to attend this match were Captain Allan Levin, Co-Captain Don Rizzo, Laura Rocco, and Jack Walsh, but that was enough to get the job done. Symphony Village is on its way to gaining a reputation for a place where good bocce is played so don't let the misspelling of bocce on our entrance way sign fool you. As a famous bocce player once said, "It's not necessary to be able to spell the event in order to win the event."

... Let the good times roll!

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Bridge Lessons for Beginners – Tom Love



Tom will teach a course for those individuals who have little or no experience on how to play bridge. There will be six classes beginning

on **Wednesday, October 12**. The first class will be held in the Clubhouse Concert Hall starting at 7 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book located in the Wall Street Room. Six people are needed to proceed with these classes.

CERT – Debi Wells, Correspondent

Hurricanes & Terrorism –

What do they have in common?

September ushers in thoughts of the hurricane season, especially how it may impact us on Maryland's Eastern Shore. And, September is a significant reminder of terrorism (violence), especially as we remember 9/11. The commonality of hurricanes and terrorism? . . . ***Be prepared!***

Effective communications and security measures can increase our chance of staying safe, minimize damage (and disruption), reduce panic, and promote a prepared and positive path forward. Toward keeping our community prepared, your Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT) is asking that you:

TAKE THESE FIRST STEPS!

- Remain calm; be patient.
- Follow the advice of local emergency officials.
- Listen to your radio or television for news and instructions.
- Confine or secure your pets.
- If there's a disaster in your home while you are in it, check for damage using a flashlight (*do not light matches or candles and do not turn on electrical switches*).
 - o Check for fires.
 - o Sniff for gas leaks. If you suspect a leak, turn off the main gas valve, open windows, and get everyone outside!
 - o Shut off any other damaged utilities ... if it is safe to do so.

ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN! Have a family contact and location to meet (whether you are shopping, on vacation, etc.) Please remember, your cell phones may not work in a disaster when *everyone* is making calls. Texting may be the better option. And, having a location to meet can be very important for safety, including when you are away from home.

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! Check on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly or disabled. In the event of an approaching hurricane, help your neighbors remove or secure items in their yards, patios, and decks (especially, if they are not home).

VOLUNTEER YOUR EQUIPMENT! If you have a home or portable generator and are willing to share with a person in need during an emergency, please call Debi Wells at **410-703-6702** or George Drake at **443-988-8803** to be added to our list. In the event of a power outage, your SV CERT maintains a list of homes having backup power generators and portable generators. Why? There are SV residents who need electricity to operate their health equipment!

GOT SKILLS? EQUIPMENT? LET US KNOW! CERT also maintains a list of residents with skills (medical or other) and equipment (4-wheel drives, generators, chainsaws, snowplows, etc.) to use in the event of an emergency. Please advise us of your skills and equipment by calling Debi or George (phone numbers above). Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND:

Monday, September 19, 3 p.m.: Sheriff Gary Hofmann will provide an interesting presentation with an exciting demonstration of the department's police dog assisting to catch an attacker and sniffing drugs.

Monday, October 17, 3 p.m.: Pfc. Travis Nelson collaborated with peers in law enforcement, EMS, fire/rescue, and emergency management to produce a comprehensive guide to prepare, respond, and recover from violent incidents (terrorism). With this background, we have asked that he provide an informative talk on how we, as individuals and a community, can plan and prepare.

Both presentations will be held at the SV Clubhouse and are brought to you by your SV CERT team.

For more information, please visit these websites:

[Hurricanes](#) – This is advice from the Queen Anne's County Emergency Operations Center.

[Terrorism](#) – This advice from the Department of Homeland Security.

Dining In – Bill and Debi Wells

Dining In is for all Symphony Village residents. Everyone is welcome to participate! It's a great way to meet your neighbors, have fun and interesting conversations, mingle, and enjoy new friends and foods. It's a monthly gathering of residents, who either want to *host* a dinner in their home or want to attend as a *guest* in someone else's home. More detail is located in the SV Clubhouse Activities Book in the Wall Street Room, or call Bill or Debi Wells at 443-262-8248 for information.

This month, the dinner will be held on **Sunday, September 25**. Hope you can join us!



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Gazebo & Victory Gardens – Jack Hennessey

Congratulations to Cathy Olson who won the contest to guess the number of black-eyed Susans in the Gazebo Garden. She counted 10,300. The official number, counted by Jack Hennessey, was 13,125. Jack counted them by the 100's. There was one bed which had only 25 – easy to count! The prize was two free drinks at the bar.



As reported, the purple martins left early this year due to the high temperatures. Two more residents have requested permission to install martin houses near their property. If there are any questions on doing the installation, please call Jack. Dan Battista cleaned the Gazebo martin house. It is stored in the Gazebo, ready for decoration as our Christmas tree in our Gazebo which will also be decorated and the site of our Christmas sing-a-long in December. Song sheets will be provided, along with CD accompaniment. Y'all join in! The date will be announced.

It has been suggested that we plant our tulip bulbs near the Picnic Pavilion. We will request management approval to do that.

Unfortunately, the Victory Garden is history. It was fun while it lasted. All that remains are a few tomato cages. Contact Jack if you would like a couple of cages.

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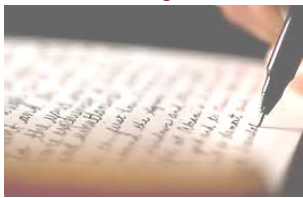
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Lunch Bunch – Marge Strano & Bea Trotta



Thursday, October 6, at 12:30 p.m. at Cantwell's Tavern located at 109 Main Street, Odessa, DE 19730. Cantwell's Tavern is nestled into the Odessa historic district. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Hope to see you at Cantwell's Tavern for a wonderful lunch! 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.

The Joy of Writing – Carol Thomas




Were you one who always journaled, actually enjoyed writing all those papers in college, or simply liked writing to friends? Perhaps you've been looking forward

to having time to write a memoir or create poetry relevant to your love of nature. If any of these are true, maybe you're a candidate for a Writer's Group!

I've been in a group who met monthly and one that met weekly. One was led by a retired English/Composition teacher, the other led by peers. I enjoyed both formats and would like to hear from you. What are your thoughts? Would you like to join me in a new Writer's Group here in SV? If so, please email carolthomas18@atlanticbb.net or call 443-262-8555.

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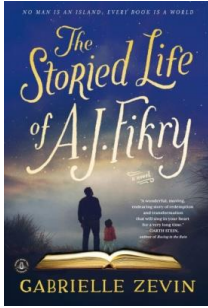
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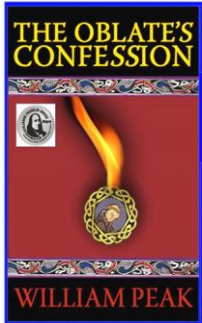
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Reading For Fun Book Club – Jack Hennessey



At our August 16 meeting, we discussed the book *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, recommended by Lee Ettman. Fikry is the proprietor of a book store on tiny Alice Island in New England. Thirty-nine year old Fikry loves books, but loses all interest in his book store when his wife dies. Next, he finds that his prize possession, a valuable edition of the poems of Edgar Allen Poe, has been stolen. Then an amazing incident occurs which renews his interest in life. Fikry discovers Maya, a two-year- old girl who has been left in his store with a note from her mother: “I love her very much, but I can no longer take care of her.” Fikry, with the help of the whole town, including the police chief, decides to keep the foundling. The chief, who has never read a novel in his life, becomes the leader of the local book club. Once again, we find a book with a happy ending. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book was rated 7.8.



September 20 will be a special meeting of the Book Club. We will be reviewing our 100th book! The title of this book is *The Oblate's Confession*, which required several years of diligent research by the author. **This novel, recommended by Jack Hennessey, was written by an award winning local author William Peak, who is an executive in the Talbot County Library.** To make this meeting even more special, the author will be in attendance and will answer questions from the audience. At this point we need to answer a critical question: What is an Oblate? An Oblate is the lowest level of religious

staff in a monastery. In the middle centuries in Europe, it was traditional for rich and powerful persons to dedicate their first son to religious life in a monastery. Thus, you meet Winwaed, the primary Oblate in this

“In Peak’s understated but entirely spellbinding debut novel, Winwaed’s warrior father, Ceolwulf, gives him as an offering, or oblate, to the monastery at Redestone, near the border between two warring kingdoms in 7th century Northumbria.”

—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)—



William Peak

story and also Ceolwulf, an Anglo Saxon warrior and the biological father of Winwaed. The novel gives in great detail the daily life of the Oblate and other members of a monastic order. A sign-up sheet has been provided in the Activities Book. All residents are invited to attend. In anticipation of a large attendance, the Concert Hall has been reserved for this one meeting of the Book Club. Y'all come!

P.S.: With the help of Dave McClatchy, a new shelf has been added to the Library Bookcase in the Card Room. Two shelves are reserved for books reviewed by the Book Club. Two additional shelves will soon be added for other books.

SV Pool Committee

How many SV residents know who the people are who take care of our pools every day during the summer and on weekends the rest of the year? They are residents just like yourselves who are dedicated to making sure that the:

Thank You!

- Pool chemicals are accurate,
- Outside gates are unlocked at 8 a.m. and locked at 8 p.m. as well as the doors going into the hallway and the indoor pool area and making sure the wood poles are in place in the sliding doors,
- Table umbrellas are down and tied close,
- Trash is put in trash cans,
- Water tubes are put back in the basket located in the indoor pool. (These tubes have been purchased by residents in the morning Water Aerobics Class, and it would be appreciated if you would return them to the basket before you leave.)

Below is a list of the residents who currently serve on the Pool Committee, and we would like to "Thank" each one of them for their dedication and hard work. Some of these people have been on the Committee ever since the pools were finished ten years ago. We appreciate their dedicated work and also appreciate the time they spent taking courses that were needed to qualify for this duty.

Thank you for all you do:

Marilyn Williams, Chairman (Eddy Williams, Chairman's Aide)
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Centreville Rotary Membership Meeting & Breakfast

The Centreville Rotary Club will be holding an informational meeting, "What is Rotary," on Thursday, September 22, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Road, Centreville.

Anyone interested in learning about Rotary or how the Centreville Rotary Club supports our community is invited to this free breakfast meeting. For information or to RSVP, please contact Chris Perkins at 410-978-0198 by September 20.

The Centreville Rotary holds a number of fundraisers during the year, including the Artisans Festival, October 1-2 at the 4-H Park. Admission & parking is free for the Festival, but donations are accepted at the gate with all proceeds from this annual fundraiser going to:

- Support local youth scholarships,
- Operate a regional shelter for victims of domestic violence,
- Participate in the Rotary International project to eradicate polio,
- Lifetime Wells for Ghana – a clean water project in Africa, and
- Other local charities.

Also, visit the Rotary International website: <https://www.rotary.org/en> to learn all about Rotary and its 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. For more information about the Centreville Rotary, visit its website at www.CentrevilleRotary.org

A Nite At The Races



On **Saturday, October 15**, Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Peter's Parish Outreach Ministry will hold "A Nite at The Races." A lite dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by Post Time at 7 p.m. You will feel like you're at the track as you enjoy actual races shot on video. You can even buy and name a racehorse for only \$25 with a chance to win \$75. A \$20 donation is required for this evening of fun and food. To pay in advance, reserve your very own racehorse, or purchase an ad in the Racing Form, please call the office of **OMOS at 410-758-6833**.

This fundraiser will benefit OMOS's Outreach Ministry which serves about 100 families twice a month. The Outreach Ministry also provides:

- Financial help to avoid evictions, utility shut-offs, purchase medications, etc;
- Shelter for families and individuals who find themselves homeless;
- Backpacks for kids (giving weekend food to food-insecure children); and
- Holiday Food Baskets.

Thanks to all who have supported us with our fundraisers and other donations in order for us to provide these services to many of our local families in need.

Why Rain Gardens? – *Betty McAtee*

During the fall of 2007, the first Symphony Village rain garden was installed in a yard on Overture Way. Over time, approximately 70 rain gardens were planted in the community, all paid for by grants to help clean up the Bay. During Governor Ehrlich’s term of office, as part of an effort to improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, the



Corsica River tributary was designated a “Target River,” in need of clean-up efforts. This became the focus of several grants awarded to the Corsica River Conservancy (based in Centreville). A significant amount of grant money was dedicated to the installation of functional rain gardens on properties of Centreville residents. Each garden was properly excavated, implemented with amended soil, and planted with all native vegetation (herbaceous perennials, evergreen and deciduous shrubs, and small trees), free of charge to each homeowner.

These rain gardens were strategically laid out to catch the rainwater runoff from roof surfaces (via downspouts) and lawns, lessening the water flow into the usual pathways leading to streams and eventually the Bay. Rain gardens are designed to hold excessive amounts of water for a period of time to allow the rainwater to gradually percolate into the groundwater. Pollutants washed into the garden are filtered out in the process.

A variety of native plants for the rain garden are typically chosen to bloom at different growing seasons and to varied heights. As for any garden, the rain garden needs occasional maintenance such as weeding, watering during drought periods, and mulching for the first few years. Fertilization and spraying (with herbicides or insecticides) are not needed and strongly ill-advised. Native plants attract “beneficial insects” (pollinators) and supply food for resident wildlife. Native plants typically thrive on their own in their “neighborhood” environments. The home gardener can prevent excessive height growth of any plant by cutting it back about 1/2 after the initial growth “rush” in May/early June. This will not prevent blooming later, but will stimulate the plant to attain a shorter, more compact structure. Eventually, the garden will fill in, reducing the need for mulching.

A rain garden can be fashioned to be as “neat and tidy” or as “naturally wild” as the home gardener prefers. (The birds, bees, and butterflies are not picky!) However, it is important to remember its primary function, and to include native plants that don’t mind “wet feet” for a while and bloom at different seasons of growth (spring, summer, and fall).

Internet websites for more information: [1. Rain Gardens](#) – [2. Rain Garden](#) – [3. Rain Garden](#)

Thank You

The Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library wish to thank SV residents who attended their annual Book Sale in late August. The \$2,500 raised at the sale will support the work of the Friends to enrich the library programs and services including the Summer Reading Program, Storytime on Wheels, the Saturday Arts Program, and new programs beyond the scope of the library's operating budget. Want to become a member of Friends? Membership information is on their website at [Membership](#). While you're there, look at all that the new website has to offer.



Hallowe'en Fun – Save the Date: Saturday, October 29

While it is still very summery outside, it isn't too early to think about Fall activities, and one of the most fun activities is the **Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party**. This year it will be **Saturday, October 29**, from **2 - 4 p.m.** at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 11 and under. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with "trick or treating."

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Clubhouse beginning Monday, September 19. The cost is \$6 per child payable at the time of sign-up. Grandparents need to be in attendance. Deadline for sign-up is Monday, October 24.

Any questions, please call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146, or Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744.

Also, we need volunteers to help man the crafts and games. If you can help or if you have teenage grandchildren who would like to help (as part of their community services projects), please let Carlene or Linda now. It is a fun way to spend a few hours!!



Outreach “Pop-Top” Update



A heartfelt thank you to all of our neighbors who have deposited bags of pop-tops in the container in the Craft Room.

Our local Centreville Masons are so grateful for your help with this project. For those who might not know, pop-tops are brought to the Shriners in Chester and then transferred to a recycling center and converted into money which is used to help defray expenses for transporting sick children to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This is a free service to families who might otherwise not be able to have this opportunity. Thousands of dollars were raised last year! **Please continue to save your pop-tops. This ongoing project is a great way to make life a bit easier for others.**

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

**Friday Night Dinners at the Legion have resumed for the season.
The public is always welcome! All dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out.**

Upcoming Dinners:

Friday, September 16: No Dinner

Friday, September 23: 1 Crab Cake, 2 Soft Crabs, ½ pound Shrimp, sliced tomato, corn on the cob, potato salad, dessert: \$20

Friday, September 30: Fresh Fish Fry, French Fries, dessert: \$15

Friday, October 7: 2 Crab Cakes, corn on the cob, sliced tomato, scalloped potatoes, dessert: \$18

Friday, October 14: Spaghetti and Meatballs, garden salad, garlic bread: \$10

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

Rotary Club's Artisan's Festival is Back — Bob Hardy



The Centreville Rotary Club has been holding the Artisan's Festival the first weekend in October since 1972 at the 4-H Park in Centreville. Last year, Hurricane Joaquin hit the east coast of the United States with very heavy rain. The Rotary Club had to make the difficult decision to cancel the event since the National Weather Service forecast heavy rain on the Eastern Shore starting Thursday, October 1, and continuing at least through the weekend, with the potential of 5 to 10 inches. Holding the event would have inflicted major damage to the 4-H grounds if the event was held.

So, come **October 1 – 2** this year, Centreville Rotary is proud to bring back the Artisan's Festival to the 4-H Park on Route 18. Remember, it is FREE to enter the 4-H Park for the Festival. Hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Rotary Club is looking to make the event better than ever, so there is a "Call to Artisans" to share the magic that you create - for further information or an application visit Rotary Club of Centreville. In addition, a Festival point of contact, Ms. Christine Perkins, 410-978-0198, is available to any Artisans/Artists for further information regarding registration.

In addition to the talented crafts of professionals and artists of varied media, the Festival includes several food and beverage vendors, food from fish fries to crab cakes to juicy burgers and dogs. There is also a DJ playing music each day for listening and dancing enjoyment. Don't forget that the fair-like setting provides a fun and enjoyable setting for families and with numerous activities for children of all ages.

This year Tony Masi, last year's Featured Artist, is returning to headline the Festival. Toni is a renowned wood turner and has a studio in Front Royal, VA. Along with Tony, the Rotary hopes to make this year's event better than ever. Remember the Festival is one of the largest and most diverse of the Eastern Shore craft/artisans fairs, so come out and enjoy a great fall weekend of fun and invite your friends and neighbors.



Update: Labels and Box Tops for Education



Symphony Village launched a campaign in October 2014 to collect [Labels for Education](#) and [Box Tops for Education](#). Two collection boxes were placed first in the Clubhouse lobby and then moved to the Craft Room for residents to drop off Labels and Box Tops as they were collected. Both were to be donated to Centreville

Elementary School to add to what they collect. Both programs are used by schools to get "free stuff."



Update: Both collection boxes got "buried" and were forgotten until they were re-discovered in June of this year. Both boxes were emptied and the Labels and Box Tops taken to Centreville Elementary. SV was verbally thanked for their contribution.

Re-start: Unfortunately, Campbell cancelled its Labels for Education program in August. But Box Tops for Education continues! So SV will resurrect its participation this month as school is now underway for the new school year. Please cut out, save, and bring Box Tops to the Clubhouse and place them in the labeled collection box in the Craft Room. Box Tops will be periodically collected and delivered to Centreville Elementary. Thank you for your support!

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RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

Masthead at Pier Street Marina



On a beautiful August afternoon, Larry and Carol Hodges, Joan and Jack Hennessey, and Laura Rocco and Allan Levin celebrated the Hodges' 52nd wedding anniversary at the **Masthead at Pier Street Marina** in Oxford. We sat on the deck, overlooking the Tred Avon River, enjoying low humidity (what's that?) and a pleasant breeze. The restaurant was short-staffed and two valiant waitresses worked hard to serve the customers. Larry and Carol enjoyed an Evolution IPA (made in Salisbury) and pronounced it delicious and refreshing. Joan had a \$5 house Chardonnay—good. Jack had root beer and Allan and Laura had ice water.

Joan ordered a soft crab sandwich and slaw (\$14.99). The slaw was traditional and tasty; the crab was sautéed with no batter or breading. It was good but very small. Jack ordered the Crab Twins, English muffins topped with a slice of tomato and crab imperial (\$15.99) and said he really enjoyed it.

Carol and Larry both loved the crab cake sandwich (\$15.99) made with jumbo crab and broiled until golden brown and served with French fries.

Laura had the Meze Plate: garlic hummus with olive tapenade and pita chips (\$7.99). Allan ordered Fish and Chips (\$11.99); the fish was rockfish and it was light and flaky fried in a thin batter. The Old Bay chips were flavored lightly with Maryland's best known seasoning.

There are docking facilities at the restaurant, and kayakers paddled in for lunch while we were there.

We had unexpected and raucous company for lunch; several aggressive sea gulls ensured that no leftovers remained on nearby tables! Obviously, it was not their first meal on the deck. We hope it's not our last meal there either. What a wonderful place it would be to relax and pick a pile of steamed crabs!

En route home, we even stopped at the Creamery at Councill Farms in Cordova, MD, for delicious hand-dipped ice cream.

104 West Pier Street, Oxford, MD, 21654 (410-226-5171)

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Delmarva Gospel Explosion



Fireflies Denton and New Life Community United Methodist Church present “Delmarva Gospel Explosion” on **Saturday, September 17**, at Queen Anne’s County High School (125 Ruthsberg Road) in Centreville. Dinner will be served at 3 p.m.; doors will open to the performance stage at 4:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person; \$20 per person for groups of 15 people or more; and \$5 for children ages 3 – 16. The event will benefit the Benedictine School’s scholarship fund and the church’s community outreach ministry. For more information, call 302-331-6041 or email jenaf@benschool.org.

11th Annual Corsica River Day



The Corsica River Conservancy will host [Corsica River Day](#) on **Sunday, September 18**, noon – 4 p.m., at the Corsica River Yacht Club at Ship Point (589 Conquest Road) in Centreville. There will be environmental and water-related exhibits and activities for the whole family. Also, there will be live entertainment and food.

Queen Anne’s County Wellness Walkers



QAC Parks and Recreation will host Wellness Walkers on **Sundays, September 18 – October 23**, 6 – 7 p.m., at the Route 18 Park (1945 4-H Park Road) in Centreville. All levels and all ages invited. Walk with friends and families to reach moderate intensity cardiovascular activity. The cost is \$20 per household, and the program number is 908005. Register at [Registration](#) or call 410-758-0848.

“Farm to Fork” Gala: An Evening of Dinner and Entertainment



To celebrate Queen Anne’s County’s local farm markets, the Queen Anne’s County Centre for the Arts will host [Farm to Fork](#) on **Saturday, September 24**, 6 – 10 p.m., at Maurice Sanger’s barn (435 Cinnamon Teal Drive) in Centreville. There will also be music, square dancing with a caller, and raffles. Dress is farm casual – blue jeans are appropriate. Enjoy the opportunity to view the private Western Auto Museum Collection. Tickets are \$75 per person. All proceeds will benefit the QAC Arts Council. For all the details and to order tickets, go to the website or call 410-758-2520. The event is limited to 200 guests.

Annual Fall Chicken Barbeque Dinner



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company will host a Chicken Barbeque Dinner on **Wednesday, September 28**, at the firehouse. Tickets are \$9 each and all dinners are carryout. Call 410-758-1422 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Party to Preserve



The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy will host [Party to Preserve](#) on **Saturday, October 8**, 4 – 7 p.m. at The Hermitage located on the Chester River in Centreville. Guests will enjoy a farm-to-table, local culinary experience, including an oyster bar featuring sustainably farmed oysters. Live music by quartet Fiddle Oaks. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased on the website.

Movie Matinee – “The Hundred-Foot Journey”



The Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne’s County Library will screen “The Hundred-Foot Journey” on **Friday, October 14**, 2 – 5 p.m., in library’s meeting room. Starring Academy Award winner Helen Mirren, this uplifting story bursts with flavor, passion, and heart. When the chilly chef proprietress of a Michelin-starred French restaurant in southern France gets wind of a culinary immigrant opening an Indian restaurant just 100 feet from her own, her icy protests escalate to all-out war between the two establishments. It’s a celebration of triumph over exile as these two worlds collide and one young man tries to find the comfort of home in every pot -- wherever he may be.

Historic Centreville Wharf and the Corsica River Stream Confluence Tour



Caroline County Parks and Recreation will host a Saturday Paddling Tour on **Saturday, October 15**, 2:30 – 5 p.m. The [Historic Centreville Wharf and the Corsica River Confluence Tour](#) will explore the charted Mill Stream and Yellow Bank Stream Trails to the northern most headwaters of the Corsica River. Note: Trip departure time may be adjusted to morning departure to take advantage of high tide. The cost is \$15 for YMCA members or if you have your own kayak, and \$25 if you need to borrow a kayak. The trip departs from the Centreville Boat Landing at the Centreville Wharf (201 Front Street). Pre-registration is required – call 410-479-8120 by **October 12**. Rain date is October 16.

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

Educational Fitness Workshop

Learn how to use the Paramount Gym equipment properly – **Friday, September 30, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Mary D’Orsaneo is a certified Personal Trainer and will conduct this workshop.

Cost: \$15 per person. Minimum of 4 people

Sign-up is in the Activities Book! Make checks to “Mary D’Orsaneo.”

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SPECIAL REMINDERS

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