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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!



*Michael & Valyra Bacigalupi
141 Concerto Avenue*

*John & Janet Leister
142 Sonata Way*

**This is not
Goodbye**

Forgive this venue of thanks since the number of you overwhelms my ability to thank you by a personal card. To say you sent me off with a bang is putting it mildly. I am eternally grateful for your means of thanks.

It should really be me thanking you for the opportunity to work with such wonderful people for the last ten years. Every day was a challenge. There was never a boring day. To say I will miss you would be an understatement.

I must admit it is nice not getting up in the dark and dodging the deer coming to work. For now, I am taking one day at a time and centering on my health issues. Your thoughts, prayers, and kind written words in your correspondence mean so much.

So my dear friends thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and hard work in preparing my party!



Forever in my thoughts and prayers, Dennis

Meet Camilla Gaines - Joan Hennessey

Our new Symphony Village General Manager, Camilla Gaines, is from the South and she's looking forward to winter in Maryland with some trepidation. Camilla was born in Augusta, Georgia, and grew up there with the home of the Masters' Golf Tournament literally in her back yard. She stayed in Georgia for her education at Georgia State University in Atlanta where she majored in Business Administration. All through college, she worked as a bank teller. She aspired to a career in banking until she noted that the bank manager was not happy in his position like many others! At this critical point in her career choice, she met a real estate developer who thought she'd be good in the field of real estate leasing. She followed his advice and leased apartments so successfully that in three months she became part of management.



Later, Camilla managed an Arnold Palmer golf course community in Virginia Beach where she met Arnold Palmer. During her career, she has managed communities as large as 2,000 units as well as luxury high-rise condominiums. Along the way she earned her certifications as an Association Management Specialist (AMS) and a Certified Manager of Community Association (CMCA).

Camilla sees herself as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the Committees and residents of Symphony Village, enhancing their partnership; she intends to work for everyone in the community. She also wants to preserve and document the hard work that has been done by so many.

When she is not working, Camilla enjoys watching golf and reading. She also likes to garden and work in her yard in Bowie. Her son is a college freshman.

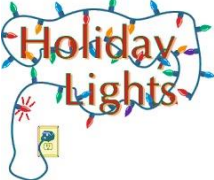
It was my pleasure to meet and talk to the charming and articulate General Manager of our Village.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lifestyle Committee – Vinny Volpicelli & Randy Officer, Co-Chairs; & Pat Fox, Correspondent

- **Lighting Up Our Lives - Saturday, November 19** at 10 a.m. Dave Peterson and his crew will once again be **lighting up** our lives by wrapping holiday lights around the tree trunks along our entrance to the **Clubhouse** and surrounding the front of the **Clubhouse**. Everyone has a fun time doing this and NO climbing is involved! If you would like to be part of this activity, please call Dave Peterson at [443-262-8335](tel:443-262-8335).



- **Happy Hour – Saturday, November 19** – Hosted by Gary & Debbie Greenwald

NIGHT OF LIGHTS AND POTLUCK SUPPER

This annual event will be held at the **Clubhouse** on **Tuesday, November 29** - 5:30 p.m.

A separate red binder, specific to this event, has been created and is located in the Wall Street Room next to the regular **Activities Book**. We ask everyone who will be attending this event to sign up to bring his or her favorite soup, appetizer, or dessert. This is always a lovely evening, affording us an opportunity to share in goodwill and fellowship with our neighbors. Hope to see you there.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Please join us for a **Happy Hour on Friday, December 2, 6 – 8 p.m.** to celebrate the 101st birthday of the "Chairman of the Board," the one and only
FRANCIS ALBERT SINATRA

Music will be provided by our favorite DJ-Bo (Doc's). Enjoy the memorabilia, music, and company of your special neighbors. Bring your favorite appetizers/desserts (Cash donations will be collected for Bo's charity of choice in lieu of payment).

Hosted by Lee, Alan, & Friends

- **Happy Hour – Friday December 2** - Pre-Concert from 5 - 5:45 p.m. in Concert Hall provided by Steve Guy and his barbershop group.
- Lifestyle Meeting – Monday – Saturday, December 5 – 7 p.m. New Members Welcome!
- **Happy Hour – Saturday, December 17** – Holiday Celebration – Hosted by Lifestyle Committee

- **New Year's Eve Party – Saturday, December 31, – 9:30 p.m. – to the New Year.** No charge! Bring desserts & snacks. Please sign up in **Activities Book** so we have enough bubbly.

Chesapeake College Todd Performing Arts Center:

- **Always...Patsy Cline**

- Saturday, November 19 - 8 p.m.
- The musical play, complete with down-home country humor, true emotion and even some audience participation, includes many of Patsy's unforgettable hits such as *Crazy, I Fall to Pieces, Sweet Dreams and Walking After Midnight...* 27 songs in all. The show is based on a true story about Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger. The show's title was inspired by Cline's letters to Seger, which were consistently signed "Love ALWAYS...Patsy Cline."
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- Tickets: \$40/\$25 (\$5 handling charge is added to the entire order)
- TPAC Box Office: 410-827-5867
- Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills.



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 are able to drink for free and don't have to bring food!

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 Zina Lichaa to register. Lifestyle Committee members are always there and can help.

Events in the Planning Stage –

- MGM-National Harbor – Opening in 2016!
- 2017 New York City Trip

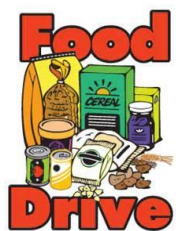
Outreach – Bea Trotta, President

SV Final Name Tag Campaign



The nametag sale has concluded, and the minimum number of orders has been met. The order will be placed in mid-November, and delivery is expected before the December holiday season. One evening will be selected for nametag distribution, and everyone who has ordered a nametag will receive an email with the date and time. Nametags not picked up will be left with Cindy at the front desk for you to pick up at your convenience.

Annual Food Drive Underway



As you read this edition of the *Libretto*, your neighbors are preparing for the Outreach Annual Food Drive. **It will begin tomorrow, November 16, and run through Sunday, November 20.** All food will be delivered by caravan to Social Services on Monday morning, November 21. Our goal is 2,100 units of non-perishable food that includes cereals, grains, pasta, canned products (e.g. vegetables, fruits, soups, meats, and tuna), peanut butter, jam, pasta sauce, etc. PLEASE, no outdated items from your personal pantry!!!!

Please locate a house from the following list of neighbors who have volunteered to be

collection sites. You do NOT have to live on the street with the house you select. The following houses will be accepting your donations:

Mary/Bob Ciesielski	227 Concerto	Carlene/Jim Cooke	225 Opera
Carol/Larry Hodges	141 Encore	Carol/Mel Porosoff	133 Orchestra
Teri/Jerry Nudo	106 Harmony	Linda Blume	224 Orchestra
Rosemary/Scott Page	227 Harmony	Betty/Lloyd McAtee	321 Overture
Candi/Bob Nilsson	414 Harmony	Jack/Joan Hennessey	146 Sonata
Sue/Dave Peterson	635 Harmony	Kathy/Tom McManus	137 Symphony
Willie/John DiLaura	843 Harmony		

Many thanks in advance for your generous participation.

Outreach Card Party
Save the Date!!
Thursday, January 19, 2017
The Eighth Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party
(To benefit Friends of the Queen Anne’s Library)
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. SV Clubhouse
\$30 donation (80% tax deductible) Sign up beginning December 12

Outreach “Pop-Top” Update



We send 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 our 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 that is used to help defray expenses for transporting sick children to Children’s Hospital in 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 an easy way to make life a bit easier for others.

Spelling Bee Results

A large contingent of SV residents turned out in October to cheer on the Symphony Village Queen Bees as they competed in the Adult Spelling Bee hosted by the Friends of the Queen Anne’s County Library. Marge Strano stood in at the last minute to join Terri O’Connell and Eleanor Strietman on our team. There were ten teams in all, and the Queen Bees participated in Round #2 against Eddie and the Miz Spellers from the Centreville Branch of the Library and the Wanna Bees (who were the eventual winning team) from the Queen Anne’s County Library Board of Trustees. This particular round was the longest of the evening. Twenty-seven words were spelled correctly until *epithalamium* brought the Queen Bees down—but, what a valiant performance!



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Comments from SV participants: “The Friends of the Queen Anne’s County Library’s first annual Adult Spelling Bee was a ‘stinging’ success and all came away with a positive reaction having learned to spell new words.” “I went from approaching the Spelling Bee with great trepidation to looking forward to participating in the event next year!” “With a great reaction to the sting – we learned to spell new words and had fun!”

To learn more about the Friends of the QAC Library (the Spelling Bee’s sponsor), go to [Friends of the Library](#). Membership is as low as \$25 per year, and the group provides invaluable support to the library and its programs.

University of Maryland Shore Regional Health Makes Presentation to Outreach

In October, Graham Lee, Vice President of Philanthropy for the University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, presented Outreach with a lovely plaque. The plaque recognizes Symphony Village Outreach and its members for the generous donation made earlier in the year to the University of Maryland Queenstown Emergency Center. This donation was made possible by the success of the 2016 Card Party and by the participation, contributions, and support of SV residents.

Our donation actually kicked off Shore Regional Health’s program “Claws for a Cause” fundraiser. This donation by Outreach is only possible through the generosity of our Symphony Village residents. The plaque is on display at the **Clubhouse**.

We thank you for your ongoing support of Outreach events throughout the year and hope that you will save the date for the next card party scheduled for **January 19, 2017**.

SV Outreach Vehicle Donation Program—“Car Donating Is Easy”



The Outreach Committee began a fundraising venture with [Car Donating is Easy \(CARS\)](#) about a year ago. When you donate a vehicle, you support Symphony Village Outreach. Cars aren't the only vehicle that you can donate - motorcycles, boats, RVs, even quads are accepted. Donated items are auctioned and the net

revenue received, after a small percentage of administrative expenses are deducted, will be sent to Outreach to support the organization’s charitable programs servicing Queen Anne’s County.

Each donor will receive a letter from CARS noting your charitable donation that can be used as a tax deduction. Family and friends living in other states can also donate in the name of Symphony Village Outreach. The



CARS organization makes donating easy. You can go to the above SV [Website](#), call CARS toll free at 877-537-5277, or go directly to the [CARS](#) link to start the process. CARS then handles everything, including pickup.



Next Bingo Night scheduled for December 9 at 7 p.m.

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

Local Events

Only events that take place in Centreville are included in the *Libretto*. For all other events in Queen Anne's County and the surrounding counties, look at Weekend Local Events posted every Wednesday on the Home Page and ECHOES. For questions or comments contact Linda Blume.

Libretto Ads

Many of you have great service from a plumber, electrician, etc. Consider asking them to advertise in the *Libretto*. The rates and other information are on the Home Page of the Website. Click on advertisers at the top and you will be directed to the ads and the price information about ads. This site is not closed to the public, so feel free to provide this link to possible vendors.

Sneakers – Linda Farrar, President

Novemberfest

We want to send a heartfelt thanks to all of our fellow residents in Symphony Village, their guests, and teachers and administrators from the local schools who supported our Novemberfest on Saturday, November 5. All had a good time. With your support and participation, we were able to generate a net profit in excess of \$8,000.

The wine, beer, and liquor tastings were very popular, as were the various raffles and silent auction items. All participants appreciated the delicious signature food choices. Many Sneakers members were involved in ensuring that this event was a success, and we laud their efforts, both before and during the Novemberfest. We appreciate the efforts of everybody, both the workers and the participants, who helped raise funds to support the schools in Centreville and the surrounding areas. We would like to encourage those who did not have an opportunity to participate to make a donation to our programs. Our generous sponsors (Caruso Homes, Draper Brothers Liquors, Queenstown Bank, and Mary Ciesielski of Long and Foster) covered the expenses of the event. As a result, all profits and donations will go directly to our programs supporting the schools. Again, many thanks to everybody who participated in our fundraiser.



Holiday Giving Tree

There is a tree in the **Clubhouse** with ornaments that represent gifts for our eight “adopted” families at the local schools. While numerous items have been selected, there still are many opportunities left to help our needy families. There is a flyer at the base of the tree that describes how to wrap your gifts. The gifts are due back at the **Clubhouse** by **Friday, December 9**. We need your assistance with this project. Help make the holidays a little brighter for some children in need.

Book Giveaways

There are several book giveaways in November and December. Sign-up sheets for the book giveaways will be in the book in the **Clubhouse** shortly.

November 21 afternoon – Sudlersville Elementary School Book Giveaway

December 5 morning – Centreville Elementary School Book Giveaway

December 7 morning – Church Hill Elementary School Book Giveaway

December 22 morning – Kennard Elementary School Book Giveaway

Centreville Elementary School Chorus

There will be a performance by the Centreville Elementary School Chorus in December. Everybody in Symphony Village is invited to this fun concert.

December 16 – 10 a.m. – Centreville Elementary School - Chorus

Open Membership

Sneakers is open to all residents; we encourage you to come to our meetings and support our activities.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 14**, at 3 p.m. in the **Clubhouse**.

The Start of the Holiday Season: Thanksgiving! - Debi Wells on behalf of the Symphony Village CERT



The large meals served on Thanksgiving are a prime reason for people to think about food safety, according to the National Safety Council. Please ensure your turkey and other meats are fully cooked before serving. So, how do you know if it's fully cooked? If you're like me, you simply check to be sure there's no pink – none! However, the proper indicator is to insert a thermometer deep into the thickest part of the thigh. If it registers 180° the turkey is done. Measure the temperature in the middle of the stuffing if the turkey is stuffed. If your thermometer registers 165° in the center of the stuffing, the bird is cooked. Bon appetite!

Additionally, November is the start of flu season. Do you know the best reason to get a flu shot? According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, “During recent flu seasons, between 80% and 90% of flu related deaths have occurred in people 65 years and older.” Be sure to consult your doctor if you have reason to believe a flu shot would not be in your best interest. When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community. And, don't forget, practice regular hand washing; it helps!

For December, the CERT focus will be to educate residents via a free seminar to know how to handle an extremely stressful situation—a “psychological first aid” for how to cope. This will include what to say and *not say* to friends and neighbors we hold dear who have recently lost someone special and are grieving. Questions will be welcomed.

The following guest speaker is in lieu of the CERT monthly meeting on December 19, *which will not be held*.

Mark your calendar: How to Cope & Support Grief (What to Say and Not Say)

Date: Tuesday, December 6

Time: 3 p.m. **Location:** Symphony Village Clubhouse

Speaker: Jessica Bass, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
Eastern Shore Psychological Services, Easton, MD

Got Skills and/or Equipment? If you have a medical skill, a generator, 4-wheel drive, amateur radio equipment, or any skills or equipment you would share with your neighbors in a disaster, please send an email to be on our Symphony Village CERT Skills & Equipment list: debwells2011@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Bocce Banter - Don Rizzo

It wasn't just the beautiful fall weather that enticed the crowds to Chestertown's Wilmer Park on Saturday, October 29. Nor was it the array of Tall Ships languishing in the glittering Chester River. No, it was the Championship Match of the Chestertown Old Towne Bocce League, which pitted the winners of the two eighteen-team divisions against one another to determine the overall Champion for the Fall Season.

The Thursday Champs, the Los Vatos Locos, were accustomed to this big-time pressure for, not only were they undefeated in this season's league play, but also they were the defending champs having won the overall title last year. They strode on the field as the definite favorites to repeat!



On the other hand, *lo and behold*, who surfaced as the Tuesday League champs but none other than our own Symphony Village entry, the Good Time Rollers. It was their first year in the League and yet, they too finished the regular season undefeated in their league play. Obvious underdogs, yet confident in their own ability and that of their teammates, they strode onto the field with purpose! The first team to reach 17 points was to be crowned the winner and Champion.

GTRs started strong, LVLs caught up quickly and the match was nip and tuck. Spectators were spell bound as the Good Time Rollers jumped to a 12-9 lead. But the Los Vatos Locos then streaked ahead taking a 16-13 advantage, only one point away from victory.

Remember that scene in the movie *The Natural* when Robert Redford hit the home run causing the lights to crash and burn with great crescendo? Well, that's what happened at Wilmer Park on the morning of October 29 when the Good Time Rollers, from Symphony Village in Centreville, dug down deep and stunned the crowd by scoring four consecutive points to capture the Chestertown Old Towne Bocce League Championship by a thrilling score of 17-16.

The newly crowned champs shared celebratory champagne with their opponents. Winners were awarded trophies.

In addition to Captain and Coach, Allan Levin, team members include Karen Kram, Joseph Lichaa, Laura Rocco, Jack Walsh, and, Don Rizzo, in absentia. And yes, because he was so excited, Jack Walsh did sleep in his team shirt that night!

If you see any of these team members around campus, give them an "Atta Boy"!

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Book Club - Jack Hennessey

The book that we reviewed at our October 18 meeting was *A Secret Kept* by Tatiana de Rosnay. Joan Hennessey recommended this novel. We had reviewed de Rosnay's last novel, *Sarah's Key*, which had been our top rated book for four years. The secret had been locked in the mind of Melanie Rey as a result of a car accident, and had in fact been the cause of the accident. Her brother Antoine stayed at her bedside for weeks, hoping that she would be able to reveal the secret. Antoine has his own problems, including the dissolution of his family when his wife leaves him for another man. The story discloses how all members of the family are affected by the revelation of the secret. This fast paced novel received a rating of 7.0 on a scale of 1 to 10.

The book for our November 15 meeting is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalinithi. In fact, the story line covers the life of the author, who first obtains a Master's Degree in English and then decides to become a medical doctor, with a specialty in neurosurgery. Halfway through his residency, he discovers that he has cancer. His wife, also a doctor, is hoping for a cure and a family. I had to wait four weeks to get a copy from the library. This is a relatively short book and comes highly recommended. To quote Shakespeare: "If you have tears, prepare to shed them now"—as you read!

Gazebo Garden by Jack Hennessey

Good news! The Gazebo Garden is being overhauled! About 90% of the bushes, flowers, and weeds have been cut to ground level. A team led by Scott Page has hauled away several truckloads of garden waste. The team includes Tom Burton, George Drake, Richard Sheridan, and Steve Mizer. Jack Hennessey was the corporate memory and provided many tools and moral support. The two portulacas on either side of the memorial stone are still blooming due to the unusually warm weather. Unfortunately, the water supply for the gazebo was turned off by October 10 and Jack has been hauling buckets of water up to the garden to keep the flowers active. There were originally 20 beds in the gazebo garden, but the tentative plan is to reduce that number to the eight interior beds. Five of these beds have already been assigned, and we should have no trouble finding gardeners for the other three. In fact, we would like to have teams for each bed, so call Jack (410-758-4872) if you would like to participate. Several residents have accepted the free offer to rescue plants from the 12 outer beds that will become some form of grass (sod or maybe **AstroTurf**). There will be very little work until spring arrives.

Dan Battista and Jack have decorated the gazebo for Christmas. We will have a Christmas sing-a-long in December. Music and song-sheets will be provided. Watch for the time and date.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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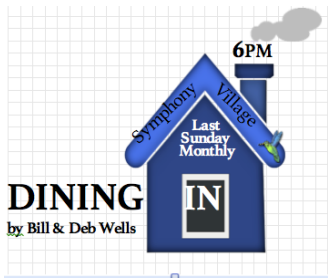
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Lunch Bunch - *Bea Trotta, Marge Strano*

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, December 1**, at 12:30 p.m. at Hunter's Tavern located at 101 East Dover Street, Easton. Hunter's Tavern is situated in the Historic Tidewater Inn and is well known for its delicious American cuisine. The sign-up sheet is in the **Activities Book** at the **Clubhouse**. Hope to see you at Hunter's Tavern for a wonderful luncheon experience! 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 - *Debi Wells & Sharon Roe*



The Dining In Holiday Brunch is scheduled for **December 11 at noon** at the home of Sharon & Jim Roe, 312 Opera Court. Everyone is welcome to come and relax with us for a wonderful holiday brunch and enjoy this traditional yearly event. Please sign up by **Tuesday, December 6**, in the Activities Book at the **Clubhouse**. If you need additional information, please contact Sharon Roe at 410-739-4121.

In January, we will return to our usual dinner format. You can once again be a *guest* or a *host* for **dinner**, it's as easy as reading the descriptions of each below:

Guests: Prepare a side dish, or dessert, or appetizer your host requested and bring your own beverage. Helping to clean up is always welcomed!

Hosts: If you would like to be a host or hostess, it's a fun way to extend friendship to your neighbors. Just decide how many you can seat comfortably: five, six, seven, or more people—let us know when you sign up. Then, decide your main entrée (chicken, burgers, salmon, etc.), the choice is yours! Last step, contact the guests (who have signed-up to participate) to ask them to bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert.

Social Singles – *Carol Donnelly*

Social Singles spent a lovely afternoon in Saint Michaels, took the Packet boat tour, and had a great lunch. At our November 8 meeting, we discussed our December dinner. Carol Donnelly is hosting this event at her home. The sign-up sheet for attendance and side dishes is in the Activities Book at the **Clubhouse**. Last year we had a very festive afternoon. All members are invited; and if you are new to the community, it will be an easy way to meet some of your neighbors! Questions for our December dinner: please email Carol at carol.m.donnelly@gmail.com.

Several members have signed up for the Patsy Cline concert at the Chesapeake College on **November 19** at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the orchestra seats and \$40 for the mezzanine. If you are interested: please get your ticket in advance. Thanks to Joyce Brown for buying our tickets for those already signed-up. We wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving** with family and friends.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Hallowe'en Party *by Carlene Cooke and Linda Farrar*

Forty-six grandchildren visited the **Clubhouse** on October 29 dressed in a variety of costumes and ready for Hallowe'en fun! They enjoyed crafts, games, snacks, music games, Hallowe'en books, and a fun Trick or Treat parade.

We want to thank the people who helped us make this event such a big success. Pat Scheirer was once again our great "Tattoo Artist." Bob Farrar took the cute pictures with Trish Heyn as his helper; and the following persons helped with the games, crafts, and snacks: Margo Wagner, Bea Trotta, Marge Strano, Douglas Cooke, Jim Cooke, Allison Donnelly, Jennifer Donnelly, Susan Donnelly, Ellie Mirkin, Rochelle Ray, Maggie Kovack, Alexandra Heyn, Katie Heyn, Caley Walters, Alexie Kelley, Nancy Paschak, and Marilyn Williams. Also a big thank you to Maggie Kovack, Dave and Sue Peterson, and Brenda Stoltz for helping with set up on Friday!

We also want to thank the residents who didn't have children at the party but came up to give out candy to the children during our Trick or Treat parade. That was really great!

We thank you all for your support!



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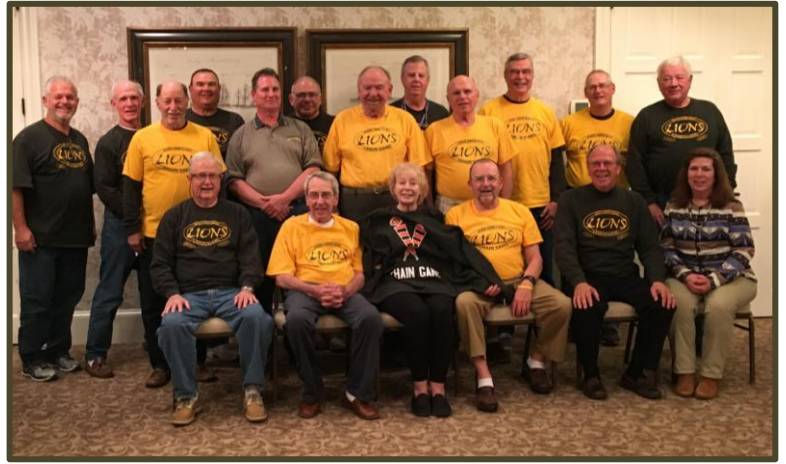
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Symphony Village QACHS Chain Gang

The SV Chain Gang just completed providing chain gang services for all the QACHS football teams. We started working the football games in 2009 and have just completed our eighth season. Fifteen residents enjoy having the best seats in the house, eight having done it for all eight years.

Seated: Dennis Marchi, Paul Blair, Diane Briggs, Tom Scull, Bill Paschak, & Betty Lee (QACHS)
Standing: Jim Halinka, Jim O'Connell, Ira Ehrenfeld, Dan Battista, John Haines (QACHS), Dominic Mancinelli, Mike King, Rich Ryan, Skip Kornmeyer, Ron Dillon, Dave Peterson, Bob Farrar



Governance of the Symphony Village Homeowners Association - Robert Joy

I am writing this article as a resident of Symphony Village. It is based on my knowledge and experience learned from serving on the HOA Board of Directors as Treasurer for the past two and half years. The rules of how our Homeowners Association is governed are set out in three documents:

- The Maryland Homeowners Association Act
- Our Bylaws, and
- Our Declaration of Covenants

With the upcoming election of two board members and the new Board's appointment of a person to fill Mark Somerville's position for the remainder of his term, I urge each person running to become familiar with these documents, as they set out a Board Member's duties and responsibilities.

After the Annual Meeting on December 7, the New Board will convene in an Executive Session to decide on who will serve as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their specific responsibilities are set out in our Bylaws.

Our Bylaws do not give any Board Member any authority to make decisions for the Homeowners Association on their own. All decisions or actions of the HOA Board are to be open to all members of the homeowners association. A decision or action is accomplished by a Board Member making a motion, the motion is seconded, and there is a majority vote to pass the motion. It should be noted that the Board President only gets to vote if there is a tie vote by the other four members of the Board.

The Maryland Homeowners Association Act specifically limits what matters are to be dealt with in executive session. These matters include such things as issues dealing with employees, protection of the privacy or reputation of individuals, consultation with legal counsel on legal matters, discussion of potential litigation, and contract negotiations. If the Board does meet in executive session, it is required that the purpose of the meeting be reported to the HOA membership.

Here We Come A Wassailing - Susan Rayner

Holiday revelers please join us on Sunday, December 11, at 4:30 p.m. for soup and wassail before we head out into the neighborhood to sing holiday tunes. If you would like to be serenaded by your neighbors, we will have red bows available for you to place on your lamppost. Since this is a wassailing party, we will expect to be treated for our songs, wine, beer, coffee, cocktail of your choice, we'll have our own wassail cups. If you

would like to go a-wassailing, please contact our organizer, Susan Rayner at 410-533-1705 (call or text). We will meet at the Rayner's, 129 Symphony Way, for a little bowl of steamy soup and warm Wassail, receive our song sheets, and head out at 5 p.m. to serenade Symphony Village and welcome in the Holiday Season in full song and empty mugs.

To go A-Wassailing: Call Susan Rayner, bring your own mug, meet at 4:30 for soup and drink.

To be Wassailed: Sign up at the **Clubhouse** with your address, receive your red ribbon, and offer a drink of your choice to the singers.

A Visit to Southern Africa – Pat & Howie Fox

Howie and I recently returned from 3.5 weeks touring southern Africa including the countries of South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, and Zambia. What a great trip with an excellent mix of urban and rural. We got to see many different animals and birds on multiple games drives as well as explore major cities such as Cape Town and Johannesburg. Our game drives were in high-wheeled open-air jeeps in Mabula Game Preserve and Kruger National Park in South Africa and Chobe National Park in Botswana. We were also on small boats cruising the Chobe River in Namibia. We also counted the Five Ugliers in our photo conquest – Warthogs, Marabou Storks, Hyenas, Crocodiles, and Wildebeests.



We had many sightings of giraffes, zebras, cheetahs, hippos, baboons, monkeys, jackals, different types of antelopes, African penguins, ostriches, and many other types of colorful birds.

Two very memorable animal sightings were a mom and baby rhino where the 8-month old little guy was frolicking around kicking up his hoofs and fake charging and snorting at our jeep as well as a herd of elephants having a great time splashing and squirting themselves at the edge of the river. The babies just flopped down and it's amazing they didn't get stepped on!

We spent a few days in Zimbabwe at the impressive Victoria Falls and stayed at the Victoria Falls Hotel—an elegant British Colonial hotel built shortly after journalist Henry Stanley found the missing Doctor David Livingstone. We were able to visit a local elementary school where the children performed songs and dances for us. We also had dinner with a local family learning a lot about their life and culture. Another impressive thing we did was have a dinner one night in the Zimbabwe “bush.” A camp was set up along an elephant track where they strung lights in the trees and held *braii* (barbeque). We also stayed in an incredible chalet on stilts banked on the Chobe River in



Namibia that had a lovely deck and telescope to view the wildlife.

Our city adventures were just as impressive. In Johannesburg, we visited Soweto where Nelson Mandela and Bishop Edmund Tutu lived. We toured Mandela's house which brought some of us to tears – what an impressive, dedicated man who sacrificed so much for his people and country in fighting apartheid. While in Cape Town, we visited Robben Island prison (now open as a historic site) where Mandela was imprisoned for much of his 27 years in jail for “political crimes”.

Speaking of Cape Town, in one survey it is called the most desirable vacation destination in the world. It is a glorious location on the ocean surrounded by rocky buttes and mountains. Down the peninsula is the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Lookout – the southernmost tip of the continent—where you can see the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. The Cape Town area itself is designated as its own Floral Kingdom since it is so diverse and different from the rest of the “blooming” world. The region is also known for their wines. We stayed at one gorgeous Cape Winelands resort and had several tastings. We discovered a different varietal blend called *Pinotage*. I’m more of an ale or gin and tonic drinker, but this type of wine was very smooth and delicious.

On the down side, there were many views of dilapidated shacks with metal roofs weighted down by rocks and folks that don’t have much material in their lives. However, there were lots of craftspeople and markets to buy goods from, and you could barter your consumer items as partial payments. Our guide encouraged us to do this and even leave items that we really didn’t need in our hotel rooms for the staff. You were limited in weight on intra-continental flights so it was smart to shed some original belongings as time went on because everyone was buying things. Tourism is a major part of the region’s economy and employment base so we all did our part!



The food was good—agricultural production is also a major part of the economy—terrific fruits and vegetables. You often saw game meats on the menu or buffet—Kudu meatballs, Blessbok skewers, and Eland carpaccio. We had good chicken, beef, and pork. Enough said on this!

It was a long flight there and back, but well worth it!



The American Beech - Betty McAtee

Strolling through a hardwood forest in mid-winter, it’s easy to pick out the native American Beech tree. It’s the one with the smooth, blue-grey bark still holding onto its dried, papery, pale copper-brown leaves (not to drop until new growth pushes them off in spring). The scientific name *Fagus grandiflora* describes its thick canopy of leaves which display three colors: pale green in early spring, dark green in mid summer, and bronze/tan in autumn. (*Fagus* meaning “beech” from the Anglo Saxon “boc” or letter/book, and *grandiflora* meaning “large leaf.”) A testament to its longevity was a carved inscription on a beech’s bark in Tennessee: “Cilled A Bar, On Tree, In Year 1760” by Daniel Boone. The tree died in 1916, 28 ½ feet in girth, 70 feet high, and 365 years old! When settlers first arrived in North America, the slow-growing, but sturdy American beeches were prevalent in forests covering the eastern half of the US plus eastern Canada.

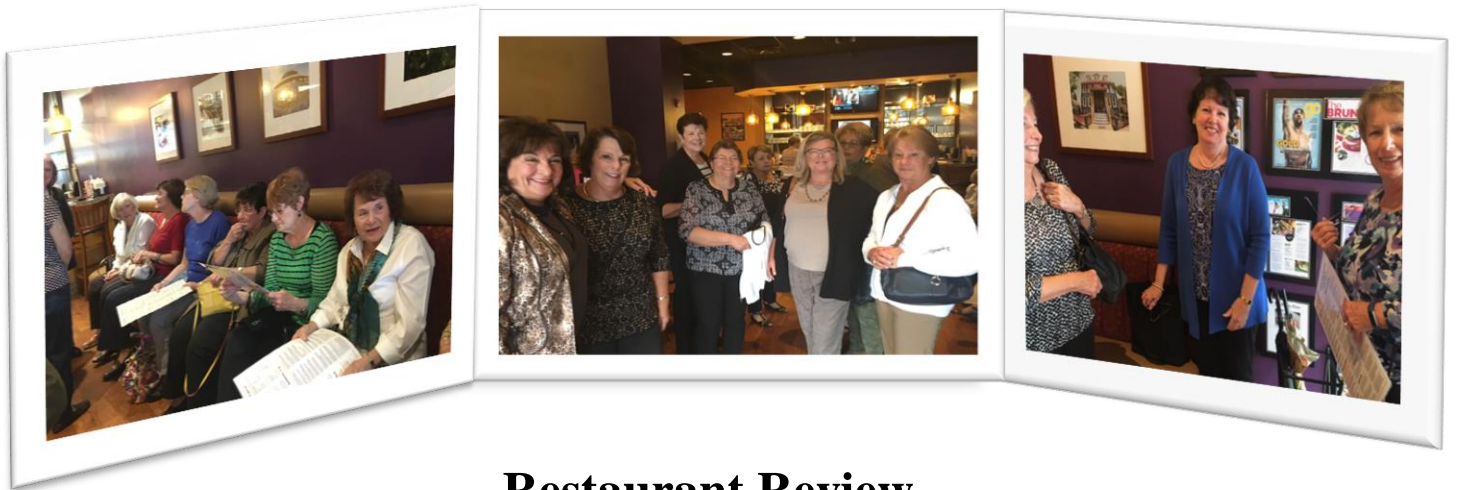
They thrived in well-drained sandy, loam soil. Farming and development have since lessened their numbers dramatically. Beeches produce tri-angled edible fruit - beechnuts, a common food of chipmunks, black bears, blue jays, squirrels, deer, and humans.

The American beech memorializes the now extinct Passenger Pigeon. Before the disappearance of these birds, the American beech tree served as host to the pigeons as they roosted in the branches by the thousands and feasted on fallen beechnuts during their annual migrations. The clearing of beeches for farming contributed to the demise of the Passenger Pigeon's existence. James Audubon's painting of the Passenger Pigeon pictures the bird on a beech branch with dried leaves, indicating the season when the beechnut mast is ripe.



Beeches are one of the primary hardwoods existing in the strip of woodland surrounding Symphony Village. Beauties to behold throughout the whole year!

Lunch Bunch Experiences Shirley's Café in Annapolis – Marge Strano



Restaurant Review

Twenty-nine Symphony Villagers enjoyed a wonderful Brunch/Lunch at [Miss Shirley's Café](#) in Annapolis on November 4. The Café is located on West Street in the building next to the Westin Hotel. Miss Shirley's Café has three locations shown below.



Baltimore Inner Harbor



Baltimore Roland Park



Annapolis

Shirley’s Café mission is to provide an exceptional, award-winning culinary experience for breakfast, brunch and lunch with beautifully presented plates in a professional, clean, and comfortable environment. The atmosphere is both comfortable and cozy booth seating for small groups toward the front of the restaurant; larger tables are available toward the back of the restaurant. Both the atmosphere and the menu are kid friendly. Brunch/Lunch items are plentiful; plan to spend some time studying the [menu](#) or better yet, study the menu online before venturing out. There are usually daily specials to tease your palate. Specials can be pricey, but certainly worth it; other reasonable menu items are available.



The special of the day on this beautiful November day was Pumpkin Cheesecake Stuffed Toast—definitely a *must try*. I ordered the Coconut Cream Stuffed French Toast on other occasions—so very delicious. The presentation of the Crab Cakes & Fried Green Tomato Eggs Benedict is both beautiful to look at and delicious to eat (market priced); however, you can order a simple breakfast of eggs and toast. Omelets are prepared to order from a huge list of optional ingredients—vegetables, meats, seafood, and a variety of cheeses. The menu includes a wide variety of soups, sandwiches, and salads. Miss Shirley’s Café is open on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on weekends.

Capital Bell Ringers’ Holiday Concert: “Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells All The Way (A Winter’s Tale)”



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church are sponsoring a Holiday Concert that will be given by the Capital Bell Ringers on **Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m.**, at Wye River Upper School (316 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. The concert is free for students with college ID and children under 18. This event has been a major success in the past and is a wonderful way to ring in some “Holiday Spirit”!

Big Guys Needed to Read to Little Guys



The Queen Anne’s County Library and Queen Anne’s County Public Schools announced funding of the “Guys Read Project” by the Rural Maryland Council in October. Establishing male readers as role models helps to counter a widespread stereotype of reading as a feminine activity. Showing reluctant readers that books can be fun will encourage them to read and use the library. Big guys volunteering their lunchtime makes a huge difference in the lives of little guys.

For the program to be successful, men in the community are needed to become volunteer readers. Teams of four or more volunteers will visit each of the six schools ten times to read for twenty minutes. Visits will take place starting in mid-November. Volunteers can choose to participate in only a couple or many sessions depending on their schedules. Two information/training sessions have passed, but if you are interested in helping, it is not too late! Please contact Kim Baklarz, 410-758-0980, kim@qaclibrary.org.

Broadway Review: Dinner and Show



The [Broadway Review: Dinner and Show](#) will take place on **Friday, December 2**, at Prospect Bay Country Club (311 Prospect Bay Drive West) in Grasonville. This event is a fundraiser for Our Haven Ministries, Inc. The doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktail hour; dinner is served at 7 p.m.; and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased on the website or by calling 410-977-2089. The Broadway Review will be performed by Steve Moody of Moody Entertainment.



Crossroads Community, Inc. envisions a community where those with behavioral health needs are able to recover and are treated with dignity, respect, and equality. Crossroads is seeking volunteers with big hearts who have a desire to truly make a difference in the life of another. Becoming a volunteer in our Companion Program requires a small commitment of time to build a one-on-one relationship with a client. The goal of the program is enjoying the natural supports of friendship. In many cases, our clients face a level of social isolation due to their behavioral health needs, and through this friendship you can alleviate that barrier in their recovery process.

Everyone deserves a friend. Make a friend and change a life. For only a few hours of your time a month, the impact that your friendship and positive influence can have is truly beneficial to our clients. To truly understand the personal impact, please contact fellow Symphony Village residents Mary Drake at 410-758-8266 or Lee and Alan Ettman at 410-758-4580. They have stories of their own.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Maggie Straub, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, at 540-320-2340

Queen Anne's Chorale Announces Holiday Flourish! – Eleanor Streitman



The [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) will present [Holiday Flourish](#) on **Saturday, December 3**, 7 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. Begin your seasonal celebrations with an exciting concert featuring the Chorale accompanied by festive trumpets.

Soloists, the Select Ensemble, and traditional audience participation will round out this joyful and triumphant program. Tickets are \$15 per person; children through high school are admitted free.

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Robert Huntington, Artistic Director

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
The Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults; children through high school are admitted free. For more information call 410-758-3813 OR visit www.qachorale.org

The Queen Anne's Chorale is funded in part by support from The United Way of Queen Anne's County, and grants from the Queen Anne's County Center for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

Act's, Shore United Bank, United Way of Queen Anne's County, Chesapeake College, and Maryland State Arts Council logos.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18



Friday Night Dinners at the Legion; 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out. The public is always welcome!

Upcoming dinners:

Friday, November 18: Fried Oysters, scalloped potatoes, corn, applesauce: \$16

Friday, November 25: No Dinner – Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, December 2: Two Crab Cakes, scalloped potatoes, corn, dessert: \$20

Friday, December 9: Spaghetti and Meatballs, garden salad, garlic bread, dessert: \$10

Friday, December 16: Four Soft Shell Crabs, au gratin potatoes, corn, dessert: \$20

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

Toys for Tots Program

Please consider donating an unwrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" program. SV collection boxes can be found at the following locations from **November 1 - December 15**.

The SV Clubhouse Craft Room

Juana Ridgway: 221 Opera Court

Ellen Reid: 206 Harmony Way

All donated toys will be turned over to the "Toys for Tots" program at the American Legion post on Route 213 for distribution in Centreville.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF JANET O'CONNOR

Ingredients

- Food Lion's Landolfi' Pizza/Bread dough (or any other bread dough that makes 2 loaves of bread)
- 14-inch aluminum pizza pan - round or rectangular
- Spray vegetable oil
- Flour
- 1 egg



Instructions

- Shape cornucopia horns out of aluminum pizza pans (Google bread cornucopia to see pictures). It doesn't have to be perfect - the bread dough is very forgiving.
- Spray the shape lightly with vegetable oil.
- Roll the thawed bread dough to a ¼ inch thickness on a lightly floured surface using a rolling pin.
- Cut the dough into 1-inch strips. A pizza cutter works best.
- Wrap the strips around the pointed end of the horn. Continue to wrap strips around—barely touching each other. You can also wrap strips partially around and tuck each strip in underneath the horn.
- Once you are near the top, take three strips and braid them for a fancy opening at the top.
- Cover with tea towel and let rise in a warm place for 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 375 °
- Just before putting bread in the oven, beat the egg. Using a pastry brush, gently brush egg over the entire cornucopia. Bake until golden brown, 20 - 30 minutes.
- After baking and cooling, use kitchen shears to cut away any of the pan that may be exposed at the opening edge.
- It is now ready for filling for your Thanksgiving!
- You can also cover it in foil and freeze it and after thawing in the foil use it for next Thanksgiving too.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS – Linda Blume

QAC Fall Roadside Cleanup Event: “Show You Care, Do Your Share



The [Fall Roadside Cleanup Event](#) will take place on **November 19 – 21**, to support America Recycles Day. Residents, businesses, and organizations can adopt roads, parks, trails, or school grounds. Public Works will supply gloves, vests, and bags for recycling and trash. More information and the interactive sign-up map are available at [QAC Public Works](#), or sign up at supply distribution locations. Locations are Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center, Kent Island Library, Centreville Library, QAC Finance Office, Planning and Zoning, and Public Works. The county urges participants to use the interactive map and mark which roads they are working on so

the crews know where to collect the bags on Monday afternoon. All of the recyclables will be transported to Infinity Recycling in Millington for processing. For more information call the county's Public Works Department at 410-758-0920, check out [QAC Public Works](#), email CleanUp@qac.org, or go to the QAC Public Work Facebook page.

Candlelight Remembrance Service



The Hope and Healing Center at Compass Regional Hospice will host a Candlelight Remembrance Service on **Sunday, November 20**, 4 p.m., at the Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville. "At this special event, we will reflect on the precious lives of those who have passed away. We invite you, your family and friends to help us honor and remember your loved ones." A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. RSVP to Rhonda Knotts, 443-262-4109 or rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org.

Author Event – Jan Fleming



[Jay Fleming](#), local photographer and author of recently released "Working the Water," will visit the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library on **Tuesday, November 22**, 6:30 – 8 p.m. "Working on Water" is a visual narrative of the lives of those individuals whose livelihood is directly dependent on the Chesapeake Bay. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

5th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, November 30**, 6:30 p.m., on the Courthouse Square in Centreville. Come listen and sing along with the music of the season and warm up with light refreshments. Santa will make an appearance. Children are welcome to bring ornaments (homemade are favorites) to decorate the tree. The rain date is Friday, December 2, 6 p.m., prior to the Centreville Christmas Parade.

Afternoon Book Club at the Library



The Afternoon Book Club meets at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library on the first Thursday of each month, 1 – 2 p.m. The selection to be discussed on **Thursday, December 1**, is *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

Centreville Christmas Parade



The Christmas Parade will take place on **Friday, December 2**. This year's theme is "Favorite Christmas Stories." The parade route is scheduled to leave Queen Anne's County High School at 6:30 p.m., proceed down Ruthsburg Road/Railroad Avenue and take a right onto Banjo Lane and turn left onto Turpins Lane; continue on Turpins Lane and turn left onto Commerce Street; continue on Commerce Street and turn left on Kidwell Avenue; continue on Kidwell Avenue and turn right on Ruthsburg Road. The parade will continue on Ruthsburg Road and return and disband at the Queen Anne's County High School.

20th Annual Heck with the Malls



The Queen Anne's County Arts Council will host Heck with the Malls on **Saturday, December 3**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Arts Council (206 S. Commerce Street) and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (301 S. Liberty Street) in Centreville. Escape the fury of mall shopping and shop with local craftsmen and artisans. Centreville's downtown businesses will also have special shopping opportunities.

Christmas Bazaar



Our Mother of Sorrows in Centreville will host a **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday, December 3**, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Corbaley Hall. There will be local vendors, and food available will include Maryland Crab Soup and Chicken and Dumplings.

Craft Fair



Centreville Elementary School (213 Homewood Avenue) will host a Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 3**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Women's Auxiliary Christmas Kick Off



The Women's Auxiliary will host [Christmas Kick Off](#) featuring Harmony on the Bay on **Saturday, December 3**, 7 p.m., at the Goodwill Fire Hall in Centreville. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 10 and under.

Matinee Movie – “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”



The [Matinee Movie](#) will be screened on **Friday, December 9**, 2 – 5 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library. Chevy Chase returns as Clark Griswold, America's best-intentioned walking disaster who is determined to create a fun-filled, old-fashioned Christmas. Rated PG; 97 minutes running time.

Annual Santa Saturday



Get a free picture with Santa and enjoy refreshments on **Saturday, December 10**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Edwards Pharmacy (102 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville.

Christmas Open House



The Queen Anne's County Commissioners will host an Open House on **Tuesday, December 13**, noon – 2 p.m. at the Liberty Building (107 N. Liberty Street) in Centreville. All residents of Centreville are cordially invited to attend.

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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