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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!



Tom & Donna Cullen
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Nick & Sylvia Petrosillo
717 Harmony Way

General Manager's Report

Greetings Residents,

I am pleased to report that the Management transition has gone very smoothly. I want to thank everyone for your support during this process. Please be patient with us as we make necessary adjustments to work as efficiently as possible.

As we approach this time of the year when we are likely to encounter inclement weather, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the process for snow removal or ice removal/treatment. Pat Fox is the designated Board contact for this season. She and I will work closely to monitor the weather in the event of a snow/ice forecast for Centreville. Snow removal will begin after three inches of accumulation. Chester River will clear all designated roads and Clubhouse office parking lots and the entry sidewalks from the parking lots and spread salt on asphalt surfaces and calcium chloride on sidewalks, as needed, to prevent freezing. In addition, Chester River will shovel the walkways from your front

**HOA Board of Directors
Meeting**

**Friday, January 27, 10 a.m.
at the Concert Hall**

door until the end of your driveway, along with all mailbox entryways and apply calcium chloride, as needed to prevent freezing. Please remember to tie a red ribbon around your lamppost if you do not want chemical treatment for your driveway. Ribbon is available at the front desk. Please contact the office if you have a medical concern and require immediate access to your driveway. Your address will be included during the initial stage of snow removal.

Please feel free to stop by my office if you have any concerns that you would like to address or you may email me at gm@symphonyvillagehoa.com.

Best Regards,

Camilla Gaines, General Manager

HOA Report

As our General Manager Camilla wrote above, winter is upon us, so it is prudent to refresh ourselves with the SV snow removal policies. To underscore our contract terms, we call out our snow removal firm when we measure 3 or more inches of snow. Anything less than that the homeowner is responsible for shoveling. The measurement will take place on a hard, flat surface (like the front walkway vs. the lawn or sidewalk) so the measurement isn't skewed by wind or drifts from street plowing or the sponginess of the turf.

**HOA Board of Directors
Special Meeting
Clubhouse Storage
Friday, February 10, 10
a.m. at the Concert Hall**

Please try to park your cars in the garage for the best removal. This year the Board has required that poly edges be installed on the equipment to minimize scraping of the concrete and asphalt. Also, they are marking hydrants and sewer risers with poles so the removal trucks don't hit them; they will be there all winter. The firm does not shovel the public sidewalks except at the Clubhouse. The town plows the roads in the older section of SV (north of Symphony Way). Until the roads in the "new section" (most of the south of Symphony Way) are officially turned over to the Town of Centreville, the SV contractor will plow those streets. Our contractor starts once the snow has stopped falling. As a rule, our contractor will start and end at a different point in the Village for each snow event. If you experience any damage, report it to the management as soon as possible.

Thanks for your cooperation and let's hope for a mild winter!

Pat Fox, Board Member

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE –*Randy Officer, Chair; Susan Rayner, Vice-Chair and Secretary; Mary Colling-Officer, Treasurer; Laura Bittenger, Correspondent*

Welcome To 2017

Looking ahead to 2017, each of us takes a moment to reflect on the past year and look forward to a shiny new year full of prospects. Your Lifestyle Committee is doing the same - new year, new chairperson, renewed mission: We want to engage our community, be open and friendly to all attending, strive for more community involvement, and create appealing events. We want and need your input! If you have a fun or informative idea, contact a Lifestyle officer to get it on our agenda! Ongoing events to look forward to include bi-monthly Happy Hours, some with musical or holiday themes; quarterly birthday celebrations; and summer picnics. We also hope to coordinate some off-site events, such as theater trips, MGM National Harbor, and flower and garden shows.

“Mr. New York,” Dominick, will be planning trips to Radio City Music Hall, 9/11 Museum, and Ellis Island this year. Stay tuned for more details. New this winter.... MOVIE NIGHTS! Shows will start at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Watch for the movie announcement in ECHOES a couple of weeks before the show. Also new will be resident-conducted Armchair Travelogue Picture Shows, starting with Southern Africa in January!

Calendar

- **Happy Hour – Saturday, January 21, at 6 – 8 p.m.,** Hosted by Judy & Larry Webster
- **Church Hill Theatre – Friday, January 27, at 8 p.m.,** *Jake's Women*
- **Movie Night – Saturday, January 28, at 7 p.m.** - Concert Hall -*Deep Water Horizon*. *Enjoy our new popcorn machine!*
- **Armchair Travelogue – Fox Trip to South Africa – Sunday, January 29, at 2 p.m.** - Concert Hall. Come see travel pictures and hear African music!
- **Steve Guy's Bay Bridge Barbershop Quartet – Friday, February 3, at 5 - 5:45 p.m.** - Concert Hall
- **Happy Hour – Friday, February 3, at 6 – 8 p.m.** – Hosted by Mary Drake & Crossroads
- **Lifestyle Meeting – Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m.**
- **Happy Hour – Saturday, February 18, at 6 p.m.** - Romantic Valentine Night
- **Movie Night - Saturday, February 25, at 7 p.m.** - Clubhouse. Movie to be announced in February.

First Annual Wassailing Event

Lifestyle's First Annual Wassailing Party was declared a huge success by all that attended. Mother Nature



Randy Officer, Karen Kram, Brad Kram, Tricia Camardella, Guest Stewart, Susan Rayner, Ann Sewell, Joe Brown, Debi Wells, Sue Riley, Bill Wells

helped out by turning the evening warmer than the day, so the nice brisk walk through the Village was invigorating. The wonderful and varied homemade soups at Susan and Larry Rayner's went over big both before and after the caroling, as did the Spiced Wassail and all of the Mulled Cider and cookies the carolers enjoyed along the way. Many thanks to the residents who offered their hospitality! Lifestyle plans to continue this event and make it a Symphony Village tradition. Watch for information as we approach the 2017 holiday season and consider joining the carollers or welcoming them to your door!

Church Hill Theatre – Friday, January 27, at 8 p.m.– Jake's Women



Lifestyle is hoping that 10 or more SV residents will be interested in seeing *Jake's Women* by Neil Simon at the Church Hill Theatre on Friday, January 27, at 8 p.m. With this number, the tickets are discounted to \$15 per person. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book and you must sign up as part of the group to get the discount. The theatre is less than 20 minutes away, is wheelchair accessible, and offers snacks and beverages for purchase! Transportation is in car pools or on your own. For more information on this comic self-reflection, go to the SV Website, the Church Hill Theatre website, or see the flyer at the Clubhouse.

January Movie Night – Saturday January 28, at 7 p.m.

We are resurrecting monthly Movie Nights (first run shows) and have purchased a popcorn machine for everyone to enjoy! Our first movie is *Deepwater Horizon* starring Mark Wahlberg that came out in 2016. The story is about an oil rig in the Gulf that catches fire. Come join the fun! Subsequent films to be announced.

Southern Africa Travelogue Show – Sunday, January 29, at 2pm.

Pat and Howie Fox will be presenting a “slide show” of their recent trip to South Africa. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse Concert Hall. There will be African music and snacks (probably for the American palate). The Lifestyle Committee hopes that more residents will come forward this year and entertain us with their travels as well.



The Bay Bridge Barbershop Quartet – Friday, February 3 at 5 p.m.

On Friday, February 3, from 5 - 5:45 p.m., please join us for the rescheduled concert by The Bay Bridge Connection Barbershop Quartet. This is the group that our own Steve Guy sings with and they did an awesome job during one of our Happy Hours in 2016. This time we can relax and enjoy their singing in the Concert Hall and then proceed into the 6 p.m. regular Happy Hour!

Valentine’s Day Themed Happy Hour – Saturday, February 18, at 6 p.m.

Our Saturday, February 18, Happy Hour will be a special Romantic Happy Hour Celebrating Valentine’s Day! We will feature special lighting and romantic music for dancing. Please attend all you young lovers!

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 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 clean-up 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.

OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, President

Reminder for the Outreach Card and Game Party

January 19

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We are thrilled at the response for the 8th Annual Card and Game Party. It is shaping up to be a really fun day and Outreach thanks you for your support.

If you have not yet signed up, please do so by Monday, January 16. If you have signed up and have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. The price is a \$30 donation per person, of which 80% is tax deductible, and which includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, 50/50 raffle, raffle items, and door prizes.

Again any questions, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

YOUR SV NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The [*Neighbor-to-Neighbor*](#) Program at Symphony Village is part of *Outreach*, a non-profit organization created by Symphony Village residents to provide volunteer services and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne’s County. The program is designed to provide short-term assistance with meals, transportation, etc. and is exclusively for SV residents. You can access help through your assigned Street Captain. The names and telephone numbers of the Street Captains are available on the [SV Website](#) and included in the *Neighbor-to-Neighbor* brochure available at the Clubhouse. Go to the *Directories* page and then onto the *Neighbor-to-Neighbor* page on the SV website.



JOIN US! If you would like to provide a meal to a neighbor in need or help in some other way, please contact your street captain. We currently need an additional street captain for the 200 block of Concerto! Contact DeAnn Cheyne who lives on Concerto or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Brochure and Bereavement Brochure

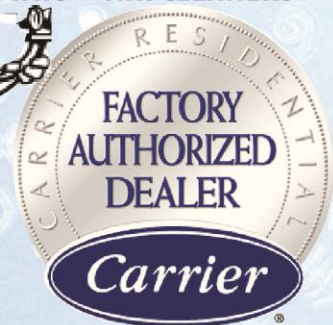
Brochures are available in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. Street Captains also have a supply of brochures for your convenience. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor brochure lists the names of your Street Captains and other pertinent information about the program. The Bereavement Brochure provides timely information that may prove helpful in your time of need. However, if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the brochures, please email a request to Marge Strano at mbestrano@gmail.com.

Medical Equipment Sharing

The Medical Equipment Sharing program will put you in contact with neighbors who may have medical equipment that you can borrow. Street Captains have a list of medical equipment available along with contact emails and telephone numbers. If you have some equipment that you would be willing to lend to other residents, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511.


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Memorial Book Committee Looking for a Chair

A remembrance of your loved one may be entered into the Memorial Book kept in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. You may also archive your remembrance on the Symphony Village Website. Please go to "Directories" page of the SV website to contact a [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) volunteer for help with entering your memorial page.

- ✚ We are currently looking for an SV resident to chair the Memorial Book Committee. In addition, we are always looking for new members. Please contact Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you want to be a part of this very important Neighbor-to-Neighbor effort.
- ✚ You can also contact your Street Captain to have a Memorial Donation sent to the non-profit of your choice.

The *Neighbor-to-Neighbor* program also provides strength and inspiration through the SV Prayer Chain. If you are a caregiver, please feel free to contact the Caregivers Support Group.



Neighbor-to-Neighbor

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

Directory Subscription Form

If you did not receive the latest eBlasts about the snow removal, you need to go to the Directory page of the Website and fill out the eBlast/Distribution List Subscription Form so that you do not miss future announcements. While on the Directory Page, check your entry and see if it is correct.

Welcome Night

If you haven't been to a Welcome Night, please join the Homeowners Association representatives for an overview of our community.



Welcome Night for New Residents

Join us to meet with your neighbors and learn more about your new community.

Enjoy light refreshments!

**Tuesday, February 7, at 7 p.m.
Clubhouse**

Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse
or RSVP To eileen@rowley.org or call 703-946-1075

Optional: Have your photo taken for the SV Directory!
(starting at 6:30 in the Craft Room)



CLUBS AND CLASSES

Gazebo Garden Club—by Jack Hennessey



Our sing-along was held on December 20 as scheduled. There were 13 residents in attendance. We did get one complaint that this activity was not widely publicized. You are advised that the sing-a-long for 2017 will be held on Wednesday, December 20, at 6 p.m. We had the words for 10 carols done in large print for the benefit of all. We had intended to sing only the first verse of each carol, but the group insisted that we go back and sing additional verses for each carol. Next year we will have 20 carols with several verses for each. Please let Jack know if we

missed your favorite carol, and we will include it next year, in even larger print!

Jack will start collecting egg shells to provide calcium for the purple martins. The martins will arrive in early April. The gazebo Christmas lights will be taken down and stored by Dan Battista for next year.

Happy New Year to All!

Bunco — by Debi Wells

2017 Bunco – The partying continues!

Did you know Bunco has been around since the 1850s? And, in 2016, Symphony Village revitalized it with more than 70 new players at our beautiful Clubhouse. Now, at the start of 2017, we have a team playing the first Monday afternoon of each month, a team playing the first Wednesday afternoon of each month, and two teams playing on the first Thursday evening monthly. We also have a list of great substitutes who play periodically when needed.

In January, the two Thursday night Bunco teams were short a player; so when a substitute was not available, Joe Sikes came to the rescue. He was on one team and his wife, Jan, on the other. Imagine everyone's surprise when each rolled a Bunco on their own team at the same time and donned the winner's Bunco tiara! Kathleen Sullivan called them the luckiest couple, and we think that title is going to stick for quite a while!

If you are interested in playing monthly as a permanent player, or periodically as a substitute, just sign up in the Activities Book in the SV Clubhouse. It's a fun and easy game to learn and a great way to meet new friends.



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Bird Club – by Linda Blume



The 20th Annual [Great Backyard Bird Count \(GBBC\)](#) will be **February 17 – 20**. This is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at

[GBBC](#). Anyone can take part in the [GBBC](#), from beginning bird watchers to experts, and you can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

While it's too soon to see much activity at "local" live-feed bald eagle cams, there is a nest in Naples, Florida, where eagles have nested and are raising a family - [Southwest Florida Eagle Cam](#). Eaglet E9 hatched on December 31 at 7:33 a.m.; sadly, the second egg was not viable. Eagles should begin nesting by mid-January at [Blackwater NWR Eagle Cam](#), [Hanover, PA Eagle Cam](#), and [DC Eagle Cam](#).



Lunch Bunch—by Marge Strano



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 2, at 12:30 p.m. at Bridges on Kent Narrows, 321 Wells Cove Rd, Grasonville. The beautiful and spectacular views of the water and sunset provide a wonderful setting for dining. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Hope to see you 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.

Reading for Fun Book Club -- by Jack Hennessey



The Book Club was off for the Holidays in December. The book reviewed for the January 17 meeting is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. The primary character is Ruth Brooks, a labor and delivery nurse who happens to be black. Turk, an expectant father, orders "that woman must never touch my child." Of course, Ruth is the only nurse available when Turk's wife, after a complicated delivery has a son, who dies shortly thereafter. Turk blames Ruth for the infant's death, and the state brings charges of murder! There follows a prolonged battle between Odette Lawton, a black prosecutor, and Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender. There are many technical issues, both medical and legal, presented. I thought that one of the most interesting facts was the stating of The Florence Nightingale

Pledge, which is taken by all nurses. Copies of this pledge will be distributed at our meeting.

The book for our February 21 meeting is *Tiffany Girl* by Deeanne Gist.

Incidentally, William Frazier, who is starting a Science Club, has requested shelf space in our library to display scientific journals. He was referred by management to check with Jack Hennessey, the Czar of the Shelves. (I like it!) I have been authorized to install two more shelves, which will be done as soon as my carpenter returns from vacation. Joan and Jack will be on vacation for the month of February.

Ladies Happy Hour

Be sure to sign up in the Activities Book for Ladies Happy Hour for January 26 at 5:30. The cost is \$5 which covers the cost of dinner. Beverages are the resident's responsibility. Joan Hennessey and her committee are serving baked potatoes and all the trimmings.

CERT by Debi Wells

What's On Your Plate?

Do you know the best way to avoid someone performing CPR on you? The answer: Work toward having good heart health! Good heart health consists of choosing a healthy diet, lifestyle, and physician prescribed medications to fight cardiovascular (heart) disease. It's the overall pattern of our choices that will make a difference! With that in mind, let's begin good heart health with something we can control, like what we eat.



As we age, making the best food choices can improve mental acuteness, energy levels, and resistance to illness. A healthy diet can also be the key to a positive outlook and staying emotionally balanced. And, best of all, healthy eating doesn't have to be about dieting and sacrifice. No matter our age or previous eating habits, it's never too late to learn and change our eating habits to improve our health.

Want to learn more about healthy eating for our age? Then, join us on January 16 for a talk brought to you by your SV CERT on nutrition for seniors by Maureen Shackelford. Maureen has worked at Anne Arundel Medical Center for 25 years in a variety of positions and concurrently taught classes at the U.S. Naval Academy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Date: Monday, January 16
Time: 3 – 3:30 p.m. (Questions/Discussion Following)
Location: Symphony Village Clubhouse; Concert Hall
Speaker: Maureen Shackelford RD LDN

Why would you want to join the Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT)?

If a large disaster were to occur on the Eastern Shore, local first responders may not be able to reach everyone in a timely manner. By joining the SV CERT, you will have the necessary skills and training to reach out to family and neighbors to support them with basic needs until first responders arrive. Members of the SV CERT are trained in skills and decision-making to be used to help themselves and assist others while waiting for professional first responders. Members of the SV CERT may also volunteer to support local law enforcement for non-emergency needs such as traffic control and support of other public events. *Why wouldn't you want to join the SV CERT?*

Training classes will be forming in Easton (Talbot County) soon; to join a 2017 class convenient for you, **please email DebWells2011@gmail.com.**

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DINING IN
by Bill & Debi Wells

Next date: January 22
Please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Thanks from Joyce Ryan

The Holiday season of 2016 has come to an end with the bright tree lights shining on the newly fallen snow. Such a beautiful scene causes one to pause and reflect back on the season. Our Clubhouse was decorated beautifully from the outside to the inside. It provided a beautiful space in which to hold the many events scheduled during the season. The first event of the season was "a night of lights and potluck soup supper." This is one of the most attended events of the year. Many thanks to all who came.

During the season it was not unusual to observe many villagers touring the Clubhouse with family and friends, taking pictures, and sharing the warmth and joy of the setting. Decorating the Clubhouse both outside and inside and organizing the "soup supper" is a huge undertaking only made possible by the decorating committee and numerous volunteers who so willingly give of their time and talents. The camaraderie and good will of this group is a reward in itself. Many thanks to each and every one. Especially appreciated was the assistance of the management: Camilla, Cindy, and Tim.

We wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2017!

Do You Sew? Your Talent Is Needed!



Cindy Kerr began making pillowcases for her son Ryan more than a decade ago to brighten up his hospital room and put a smile on his face during his cancer treatment. While Ryan is no longer with us physically, his legacy lives on in [Ryan's Case for Smiles](#). Today, there are more than 120 chapters comprised of thousands of volunteers and more than 1.4 million pillowcases have been delivered. A local chapter of the organization has been established under the leadership of local resident Kristy Christman of Centreville.

Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly known as ConKerr Cancer) is one of the few volunteer organizations solely dedicated to helping sick children cope with the stress of life-changing illnesses and injuries. Providing children with whimsical pillowcases gives them an emotional boost and reminds them that they are not defined by their illnesses. This simple gift provides proven stress relief, including distraction and hope that enhances the the emotional well-being of the children and their families.

If you would like more information about the organization or if you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Kristy Christman at 443-262-6310 or klxman02@gmail.com or email caseforsmilesannapolisshore@gmail.com.



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Cyclers' 10th Annual "I Rode My Bike Every Day This Year" Ride

On New Year's Day, 13 hardy cyclers showed up for the 10th annual "I rode every day this year" ride. Following a sunny and fun ride, everyone was treated to some of Nancie Cameron's world-famous baked goodies and hot chocolate at the Clubhouse bar. Any weight lost during cycling was quickly gained back. Please contact Lloyd McAtee if you have an interest in cycling with your neighbors.

Call for Volunteers: Gals Read



The Queen Anne's County Library and the Queen Anne's County Public Schools launched a program called **Guys Read** in 2015 and it has been very successful. It has encouraged boys, some of whom lose interest in reading for pleasure around grade four, to continue reading and advancing their literacy skills. The program has been so successful that fourth grade girls at Sudlersville Elementary School have asked for a similar program. As a result of the girls' persistence and an enthusiastic and responsive staff, Sudlersville Elementary School is launching a **Gals Read** program.

In order to get **Gals Read** off the ground, female volunteers are needed to read aloud to a group of about 16 girls for about 30 minutes for eight sessions. There will be two volunteers at each session, so you won't be in the classroom alone with the students. If a volunteer can't come to all eight sessions, whatever time you have available will be welcomed. A schedule will be created once there is a list of volunteers.

Specifics: Volunteers will read to fourth grade girls during their lunch period, 11 – 11:30 a.m., on Tuesdays. Four books have been selected that would be of interest to this age group; volunteers will see the books to be read before the reading sessions. A room will be set aside at the school for **Gals Read**. Sudlersville Elementary hopes to begin the program at the end of January, but more volunteers are needed before that can be firmed up. A brief training session will take place to orient volunteers to the program. A date for training will be selected after all volunteers have been identified. If you are unable to attend the training session, but would still like to volunteer, all training can be sent via email or U. S. Mail.

Interested in helping? Please contact Carol Franks-Randall, **Gals Read** Coordinator, cfrandal@gmail.com or 914-819-3497 as soon as possible.

The Winter Garden —by Betty McAtee

The start of a New Year brings incentives to rethink or resolve. So, it's never too early to think ahead and plan any additions/changes in your garden. It's important to know what annuals, perennials, shrubs, etc. are best for each growing season (spring, summer, and fall). But, what about winter??

Even though almost all flora are dormant in winter, there are many opportunities to provide eye-catching beauty to your yard, even when snow covered. Some plants bloom in winter, like Lenten rose (Hellebores orientalis) with multi-colored blooms. A drab winter landscape will brighten with the twig dogwood (Cornus sericea) after the leaves have fallen, leaving red, orange, or yellow stems. Winter jasmine (Jasminum nudiflorum) reminds you of forsythia with its splash of yellow blossoms along the stems. The native witch hazel (Hamamelis virginiana) will show orange/copper flowers in winter.

Other winter interest favorites are the dried flower seed heads of purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea), hydrangea, and black-eyed susan (Rudbeckia hirta). Ornamental grasses like little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium), switchgrass (Panicum virgatum), and Japanese forest grass (Hakonechloa macra) provide graceful movement in the yard on those breezy days. Some grasses (like sedges) and ferns are evergreen throughout the coldest months.

Finally, why not brighten up a barren corner of the yard with native berry-producing shrubs like beautyberry (Callicarpa americana), winterberry (Ilex verticillata), or chokeberry (Aronia arbutifolia) which produce purple or red berries, welcomed by local avian winter residents. Several SV residents have beautiful winterberry shrubs that “pop” in their rain gardens.

The winter garden can have amazing powers of rejuvenation and help to energize those gray, chilly days from late November through March. It's a sure cure for those “winter blahs.”



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, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation!

Upcoming dinners:

- Friday, January 20:** Sons of the American Legion – Open Face Roast Beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, \$12
- Friday, January 27:** Fried Oyster Dinner, \$16
- Friday, February 3:** Sons of the American Legion – Fried Chicken Dinner, \$12
- Friday, February 10:** American Legion Riders – Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner with salad, \$10

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

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Recipe of the Month

From the Kitchen of DeAnn Cheyne

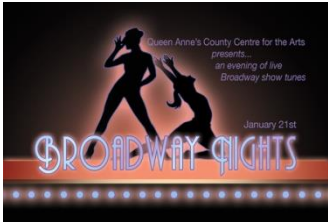
Bacon Spinach Wraps

12 slices of bacon, cut in half
1 package frozen spinach
1 T butter
Salt and pepper to taste

- Defrost spinach.
- Preheat oven to 400 °.
- Add butter to spinach and season with salt and pepper.
- Mix it together and drain, if necessary.
- Use a cookie sheet and cover with tin foil. Lay a strip of bacon on the foil and put 1 tablespoon of spinach in the middle. Roll it up and seal with a toothpick. Repeat with the remaining pieces of bacon.
- Bake for 20 minutes or until the bacon is done to your liking and then remove from oven and transfer to a paper towel lined plate to remove excess grease.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Broadway Nights



The Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville presents [Broadway Nights](#) on **Saturday, January 21**, 7 p.m. Broadway Nights will include Broadway tunes presented by three entertainers, beer and wine, and finger food. Guests will also be able to view the current exhibition, "Small Works," that runs through February 25. The evening's entertainers include Paul McIlvaine, tenor; Annie Gill, soprano; and Jo Anne Kulesza, accompanist. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by calling 410-758-2520.

Afternoon Tea



The Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville will host an [Afternoon Tea](#) on **Saturday, February 4**, 2 – 4 p.m., to celebrate the 352nd birthday of HM Queen Anne. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 410-758-2520 to reserve your ticket.

Matinee Movie – "Sully"



The [Matinee Movie](#) will be screened on **Friday, February 10**, 2 – 4 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library. Tom Hanks stars in this portrait of airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, which depicts his successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in January 2009. In the aftermath of this unprecedented and heroic feat, the traumatized pilot must endure second-guessing by investigators, the weight of sudden fame, and his own doubts about his actions that fateful day. Anna Gunn, Laura Linney, and Aaron Eckhart co-star. Run time is 96 minutes; rated PG-13.

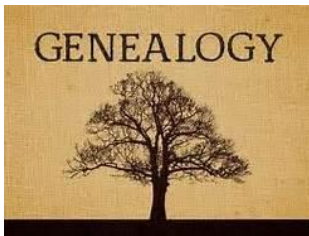
Valentine Sweet Heart Dance



The Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville will host a [Sweet Heart Dance](#) on **Sunday, February 12**, 2 – 4 p.m. Music will be provided by Jack and Tracy Wilson. Beverages and refreshments will be provided by the Arts Board of Directors. Call 410-758-2520 to reserve your spot. The event is FREE

to all seniors ages 55 and older.

Introduction to Genealogical Research



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Public Library presents [Introduction to Genealogical Research](#) on **Wednesday, February 15**, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Learn how you can use databases through the library to begin your research into the past. In this introduction to genealogy, we will explore AncestryPlus, Heritage Quest, and Genealogy Connect as well as other print resources available through the library. Pre-register on the website.

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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