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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!



Paul and Patricia Kelsch
853 Harmony Way

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants – *Chris Pariseau, Chair; Kathy Mizer, Vice Chair; Irene Hoffman, Secretary*

At the Covenants Committee March meeting, several exterior modification requests were approved. No exterior modification requests were received or acted upon at the February meeting. Since our last article, there have been several changes to the Committee membership. Gerald Walls and Dave Gallop are no longer on the Committee. These two members served on the Committee for several years. I want to thank them for the time and effort they gave to this Committee.

The exterior modifications approved in March:	140 Concerto Avenue	Solar Panel Installation
	142 Sonata Way	Patio Upgrade
	301 Symphony Way	Awning Installation

We want to thank all the residents who submitted their exterior modification requests on time. If you have any exterior modification requests, please make sure the front office receives them one week prior to the Committee's next meeting. All requests should be submitted by March 28 for the next Committee meeting on April 4.

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6:00 p.m. Grand Prize - \$10,000 Cash

CONTACT: WAYNE BLOODWORTH

(410-490-1483) FOR TICKETS

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

The Committee continues its efforts to update and revise the architectural guidelines and to update the awning selections and paint book of colors for the community. If anyone would like to join this Committee, we would welcome you with open arms.

Reminders for the Community from the Architectural Guidelines

Landscape architectural features (including such items as benches, planters, yard lights, etc.) are integral parts of a landscape architectural design and must be submitted for approval. Drawings must be provided to the Covenants Committee, which clearly show the location, size, and materials planned for these features. In addition, a photograph of the home and the relationship of the feature to the existing or proposed landscape must accompany the submittal. Landscape architectural features will be located in the Private Area of the lot only. Furniture, including but not limited to chairs, tables, and benches, whether designed for exterior or interior use, shall not be placed in the planting beds.

As a reminder - *Bird House or Bird Feeder: UP to one (1) Bird House or Bird Feeder* not exceeding four feet (4') in height may be permitted in the Private Area.

Lifestyle – Randy Officer, Chair; Susan Rayner, Vice Chair; Susan Rayner, Secretary; Mary Colling-Officer, Treasurer; Laura Bittinger, Correspondent

Happy Spring! Join your friends and neighbors and enjoy a busy Lifestyle calendar of upcoming events. There's something for everyone – movie nights, holiday celebrations, theatre outings, picnics, interesting speakers, food, music, and dancing.

Happy Hour – Saturday, 6 p.m., **March 18**, St. Patrick's and other Birthday Celebrations, Zina and the "team"



Movie Night – Saturday, 7 p.m., **March 25**, in the Clubhouse. Movie to be announced.

Church Hill Theatre – Sunday, 2 p.m., **April 2**, *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie. **Reduced admission: \$15/pp if 10 people sign up. See Activities Book for details. Sign up by March 27.**

Lifestyle Committee Meeting - Monday, 7 p.m., **April 3**, in the Clubhouse.

(All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.)

Memorial Day Picnic (planning meeting) – Wednesday, 7 p.m., **April 5**, in the Clubhouse. We need our community to join in and assist in helping make this year's picnics better than ever before! Please come join us and learn about all the exciting new ideas for this year's picnics. We can't make it happen without YOU!

Happy Hour - Friday, 6 p.m., **April 7**. The Withers and Sackriders will host.

Annual SV Spring Yard Sale - Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon, **April 8**. (Raindate: April 15)

Speaker - Sunday, 2–3 p.m., **April 9**. Angelica "Angel" Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF, (Ret.), in the Clubhouse Concert Hall

Happy Hour - Saturday, 6 p.m., **April 15**, Motown theme and dancing. The Wells and Officers will host.

Sunday Brunch - Sunday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., **April 23**, in the Clubhouse. **See Activities Book for details and to sign up, \$5/pp**

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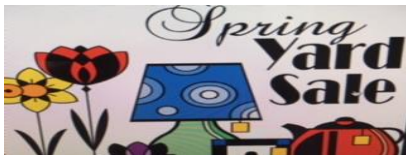
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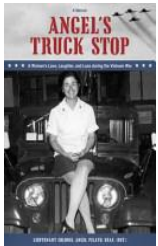



Annual SV Spring Yard Sale



Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon, **April 8**. We need 15 participating households to proceed. The \$5 cost covers advertising and balloons for your house. These events draw a lot of customers from the area. Sell that stuff crowding your garage so you can park inside next winter! Please sign up in the Activities Book.

Author, Angelica “Angel” Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), Ph.D.



Angelica Pilato visits on Sunday, **April 9**, from 2-3 p.m., in the Concert Hall to share stories and memories from her exciting and interesting life. “Angel is a very talented storyteller and engages her audience with stories from an era that few are familiar with and many want to forget.” – Joe Kittinger, Colonel, USAF, (Ret.), Former Squadron Commander, 555 Tactical Fighter Squadron, “Triple Nicke”

Angel's Truck Stop: A Woman's Love, Laughter, and Loss During the Vietnam War Angelica “Angel” Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), Ph.D.

How do you survive when everything you believed about the world is turned upside down? In 1971, at the height of the Vietnam War, testosterone-fueled fighter pilots take off from Udorn Air Base in Thailand on sorties over dangerous targets in North Vietnam. Some come back, many do not. Into this fog of war enters Captain Pilato, a starry-eyed idealist, assigned to manage the Officers' Club. The fighter pilots christen the Officers' Club "Angel's Truck Stop," which becomes the backdrop for the conflicts, challenges, and choices she encounters. It reveals a woman's struggle to fit into a man's world. As the realities of war erode her ideals, she realizes the future doesn't hold the certainties it once did. Angel's Truck Stop is hilarious and at times, heart-wrenching. This memoir keeps the reader engaged from beginning to end.

Motown Happy Hour, Saturday, April 15, Clubhouse

Join hosts Debi and Bill Wells, Mary Officer, and DJ Randy Officer for a **fun-filled night of food, music, and dance**. Enjoy the music of “Motor City,” and celebrate the sound that changed America and became a remarkable force for social and cultural change.

New This Year! Sunday Brunch, April 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Clubhouse

Enjoy a delicious, relaxed Sunday Brunch without leaving your neighborhood! Dine on sweet and savory dishes and all the trimmings, along with a special brunch bar menu. Please see Activities Book for details and to sign up. **\$5/pp at the door**. If you would like, you may bring a dish to share.

2017 Trips

>**Ragtime**, Ford’s Theatre, Washington, DC, Wednesday, **May 17**, \$140 pp. Includes orchestra seating, dinner at Carmines, bus transportation, and all taxes and tips. Departure at 12:30 p.m. from park and ride off Route 50 and 424 in Davidsonville.

See Activities Book at Clubhouse, payment in advance by April 1.

>**Miss Saigon**, New York, Wednesday, **June 21**, \$199 pp. Includes orchestra seating, bagel breakfast, catered deli dinner, bus transportation, and all taxes and tips. Departure from SV at 6:45 a.m. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse; payment in advance by April 21.**

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>**Bronx Tale**, New York, Wednesday, **August 9**, \$205 pp. Includes orchestra seating, bagel breakfast, catered deli dinner, bus transportation and all taxes and tips. 6:45 a.m. departure from SV. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse; payment in advance by May 1. Please note: This venue has stairs to navigate.**

>**9/11 Memorial and Museum**, New York, Saturday, **October 14**

Children 2-17 \$120 pp; Adults \$130 pp; Seniors (65) \$125 pp (max capacity: 48)

Trip includes Museum entrance and private guided tour, bagel breakfast, bus transportation, and all taxes and tips. You will also have time to explore the Museum on your own before departure. Dinner stop on your own as we travel home. Departure from SV at 6:45 a.m. **See the Activities Book at Clubhouse; payment in advance by August 1.**

Happy Hours

To keep the fun rolling, Lifestyle Committee members will be asking folks who attend these functions to please agree to host future Happy Hours. Thank you for your tremendous response to our recent requests! The slots in the Activities Book are filling in. Thank You for signing up. Remember, 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 and 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.

Events in the Planning Stage

- >**On the Run Theatre**, Shirlington, VA, *I Ought To Be In Pictures* by Neil Simon. Sunday, April 30.
Details and sign-up sheet coming soon to Activities Book.
- >**Memorial Day Picnic** - Sunday, May 28, Clubhouse. Help plan your picnic. It's a great way to have fun and make new friends! Come to the planning meeting April 5, 7 p.m., in the Clubhouse.
- >**Sunset Sail**, Annapolis, Thursday, July 20, 6:30 –8:30 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of local music while watching the sun set over the Chesapeake Bay. Read upcoming *Librettos* for details.



On behalf of the consumers, Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of **Crossroads Community, Inc.**, we wish to thank the residents of Symphony Village for allowing us time to tell our story at the recent Happy Hour. Please visit us at 120 Banjo Lane, Centreville. **Thank you.**

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Outreach — *Bea Trotta, President*

April BINGO is Rescheduled



Since April 14 is Good Friday, Outreach has rescheduled monthly BINGO to the following **Friday, April 21**, still 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. No one won the jackpot in March, so the April jackpot is \$200 and 56 numbers will be drawn. Hope to see you there!

SV Name Tags



As you know, Outreach has had a number of “name tag campaigns” over the past five years. In order to receive a bulk discount, at least 51 name tags had to be ordered every time. It is unlikely that we will ever be able to order a minimum of 51 at a time – new residents are just no longer moving in at a fast pace. Outreach has consulted with the company that produces the name tags. Their minimum order is five, and the cost per name tag will be \$16 (includes shipping and handling). Remember, the bulk discount is a thing of the past. If you would like to get onto the list for the first ad hoc name tag order, please contact Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.

The Outreach Committee regrets that Maggie Kovack's name was misspelled in the February *Libretto* Card Party article. Thanks again for your help, Maggie.



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Publication and Communication – *Carol Hodges, Chair, Linda Blume, Vice Chair*

Charlene Smallwood-Brown has resigned from the P&C Committee in order to pursue other interests, and we would like to sincerely thank her for over eight years of service on this Committee. During those eight years, Charlene pioneered the online Resident Picture Directory and the online *Libretto* Recipes by writing software to originally set up and now maintain both. The P&C Committee is currently looking for a volunteer (or two) to take over these two pieces of the SV Website. The software Charlene has written is completely in place, so the new point of contact can easily step in with some instruction from Charlene. With fewer new residents moving in at one time, minimal time will be needed to maintain the Picture Directory, and the *Libretto* has only one recipe per month to be added to our Website. If you are interested in volunteering or in finding out a bit more information, please contact Carol Hodges, Chair of the P&C Committee.

A new item has been added to the Navigation Bar on the [SV Website](#) – Site Info/Cmptr Tips. When you press this item, a sub-menu pops up with Computer Tips, FAQ, and Index.

- Press [Computer Tips](#) to access Some Safety Tips for Computer Owners. This includes “Plan Ahead for Things That Could Go Wrong,” “New Computer – What to do First,” “How to Manage all Those Passwords,” “Maintenance You Need to do Every Month,” “Be Aware of Actions That Could Put You at Risk,” and “Links for More Information.”
- Press [FAQ](#) to access the FAQ for Electronic Communications within Symphony Village.
- Press [Index](#) to access the Index for the Symphony Village Website.

There is a wealth of information here that will be of interest to many residents.

The “newly resurrected” online sign-up for SV events has been working well for Ladies Happy Hour and Lunch Bunch. Online sign-up is easy to do directly from the SV Website, and the details are automatically sent to the person in charge of sign-up for that event. Online sign-up will not replace signing up in the Activities Book, but it will supplement it, and you are asked to sign up one place or the other, not both. If your group would like online sign-up for your next SV event, please contact Jim Arnts.

Sneakers — *Helena Joy*

Kennard Elementary has scheduled a "Pastries for Parents" for Thursday, April 6, and Friday, April 7 at 7:30 a.m. I've put the sign-up sheets in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. We will need about eight volunteers for each day. For those of you who have never done this type of book giveaway, we are usually finished by 9 a.m. Also, our next Sneakers meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, at 3 p.m. Linda will be back from Florida by then so we hope many of you can attend that meeting.

Tree Subcommittee — *by Bill Wells*

Symphony Village Ash Trees – In Danger!

The Tree Subcommittee, within Landscape and Irrigation, has been inventorying our community's trees. Sixty-six ash trees have been identified on Overture Way. “So what!” you might say. Well, the significance of that type of tree is a very tiny metallic green insect, called an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The EAB adult beetles lay their eggs under the ash bark. When the eggs hatch, the larvae bore along the outer layers of tree, just beneath the bark, and feed on it. This disrupts the movement of nutrients and water, causing the tree to girdle and die. The EAB has been killing ash trees, by the hundreds of millions, throughout the United States. The EAB was first discovered in Michigan in 2002. And, it arrived in our state in 2003, then in Queen Anne's County in 2014.



To know how to best proceed for our community, the Tree Subcommittee has been in communication with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forestry Service (MD DNR) and the University of Maryland Entomology Department for the last year to help us stay current with the beetles' locations and treatment programs. Until very recently, we were told the EAB was moving slowly across the Eastern Shore. That information has changed. New infestations have now been identified in Kent Island, St. Michaels, Easton, Church Hill, and Delaware. Fortunately, there is a very effective treatment for ash trees that kills the EAB within the tree and stops new infestations from taking place. The treatment is an injection of Emamectin benzoate (Tree-äge) into the tree trunk just above the root line. This insecticide has been approved by the EPA and has little negative effect on the environment and wildlife when used in the appropriate manner. The injection is given by a licensed applicator during the warm months when the tree is actively growing. The treatment must be repeated every two to three years until major infestation passes, then the treatment is every five years. Trees left untreated will die.

Currently, there is active ongoing research underway by leading universities and private companies to find new treatments and to identify EAB natural enemies. So far, three tiny wasps have been identified as natural enemies of the EAB that kill its larva. These wasps are being propagated by the MD DNR by the tens of millions with the hope to one day be used to control the EAB. In the meantime, we have been advised by the MD DNR to initiate treatment for our ash trees if we want to save them, and to do so as soon as possible. The SV Tree Subcommittee has identified and solicited four local companies with extensive experience treating ash trees for the EAB, and we expect treatment of the 66 ash trees to begin this spring.



Spring Inspections

Camilla Gaines, CMCA, AMS General Manager

In the coming weeks, The Symphony Village Management Team will perform a community inspection. In the past, the Covenants Committee completed the inspections; however Management will assume the

responsibility. Detailed inspections will be completed annually and periodic inspections will be completed throughout the year. Please review the Architectural Guidelines located on the community SV Website to ensure that your home is in compliance. The following is a brief list of the items that will be inspected:

- > Trash Cans and Recycle Bins stored outside
- > Yard supplies or yard tools stored outside
- > House trim and Bay/dormer windows in need of replacement, repair, or painting
- > Missing shutters or faded shutters
- > Front door in need of repair or painting
- > Unapproved yard ornaments
- > Empty flowers pots stored outside
- > Missing house address numbers
- > Discolored kick plates at the bottom of the doors
- > Missing window screens
- > Commercial or unauthorized vehicles
- > Siding and other areas in need of pressure washing
- > Checking home modifications (patio, awning, landscaping, decks, storm doors, etc.) for approval

Once the inspections have been completed, notices will go out to homeowners with the noted violations. The homeowner will be given a reasonable amount of time in which to bring the noted violation into compliance.

Thank you in advance to those who continue to do their part in keeping the community looking its best.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

New Flags Fly over Symphony Village Thanks to Goodwill VFC



On Monday, February 27, Tower Ladder #4 from the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville visited SV to assist in getting all our outdoor flags changed out with new ones. Steven N. Gervis and Lt. Bobby Shiflet from Goodwill VFC plus Tim Spangler, SV's Maintenance Technician, replaced the nine flagpole halyards with new along with all new flag hooks and the new flags (American, Maryland, and Centreville). SV provided all supplies and materials, and the firefighters supplied the labor.

Questions and Concerns about the Clubhouse /Storage Expansion

Submitted by Sue Canfield

There have only been a handful of questions submitted in the Question Box located in the Wall Street Room about the Planned Proposal. Joe Brown, Chairman of the Storage Committee, has personally answered these when the questioners added their names. Unfortunately, only two of them actually addressed Storage/Expansion, and these were the only two that were signed.

Question 1 asked if we considered Parking.

“As part of the preliminary review by the architect and engineer including Town of Centreville regulations and a preliminary meeting with the Town Zoning Administrators, it is in their opinion that we have sufficient parking for the capacity of the extended Clubhouse.”

Question 2 asked about the Cost for the Storage/Expansion project.

“The Charter from the Board is for the Committee to determine the cost for the project. How it will affect HOA dues is not part of our work, nor is financing, although we did verify that the HOA would be able to finance the construction. The effect on the dues has to be determined by the Budget and Finance Committee in conjunction with the Board. ”

We do know two more important things!

- 1. There will be No Special Assessment!**
- 2. There will be NO Mortgage on the Clubhouse!**

Please attend the Community Information Meetings to learn more!

Next meeting is Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m.

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Clubhouse Expansion *by Storage Committee*

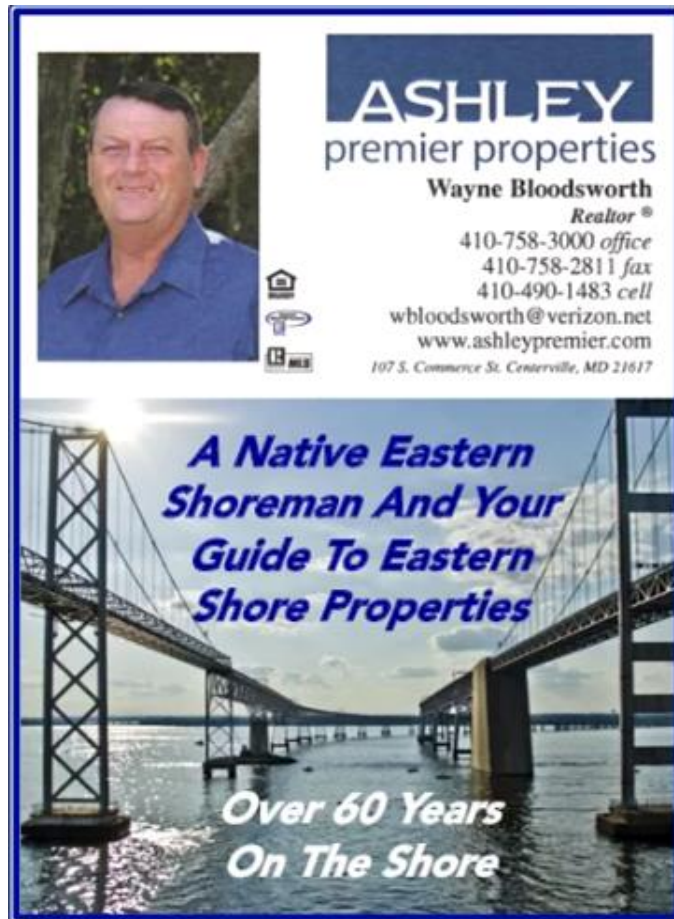
The Symphony Village Clubhouse is the jewel of our community. All you need to do to recognize this fact is to look at SV property listings — 35% of the pictures are of the Clubhouse and site amenities! That is the good news. The not so good news is that we are now an older community with 75% or more of our housing built 8-12 years ago and the Clubhouse itself is over ten years old.

We need to stay marketable and competitive in the regional 55+ Active Adult community to maintain and improve the value of our re-sales. We are competing with new Active Adult developments on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and in nearby Delaware — a state with a big tax advantage over Maryland.

One way to accomplish this is to expand and improve our Clubhouse. New storage will allow areas to be used appropriately — coat and craft closets will be for these items while maintenance equipment, activity materials, and management files will be stored neatly in their assigned spaces; outdoor pool equipment will be properly stored rather than crowding the inside of the gatehouse which is supposed to house irrigation controls only.

An expanded Concert Hall will give us more space for larger events which committees want to plan but are always space constrained. Equally important is the expanded Concert Hall will have a movable room divider, allowing it to be segmented into two spaces. With full build-out, there will be less competition for event space and meetings. Just ask Management about this!

Please vote to approve the expansion. Your Board, Management, and respective Committees have always worked hard to spend in a prudent fashion. This project is being structured in the same cost efficient way. Remember that Caruso gave us the Clubhouse free of charge — think of this proposed investment as if it were spread out over all the square footage — a low cost for what we get.



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Town Election of Centreville Holds Town Election



The Town of Centreville will hold its annual [Town Election](#) on **Monday, April 3**, noon – 7 p.m., in the first floor meeting room at the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville. As the *Libretto* goes to press, the slate of candidates is not yet final. The official slate of candidates will be announced on the Town website well before Election Day.

Keeping Our Grandchildren Safe!

by Debi Wells on behalf of the Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT)



We all want to keep our grandchildren protected and out of harm's way. However, it can sometimes feel overwhelming to care for our grandchildren (who *always* have lots of energy) – when they're attracted to harm like moths to a candle! Eliminating risks in our homes will allow us to relax a bit and let our grandchildren play more freely; most of all, they'll play more safely.

Did you know preventable accidents are the number one cause of injuries and death in children under the age of 18? Want to learn more about how to keep your grandchildren safe? Then join us at 3 p.m. on Monday, March 20, in the Concert Hall to hear from your neighbor, Joyce Ordun, Nurse Practitioner (Ret.), about children's safety, e.g. poisoning (prescriptions, plants, and what to do) and choking (age appropriate foods, balloons, and interventions). Additionally, Joyce will talk about State Police medication collection boxes and cabinet/door restrictors.

We hope you can attend; here are the details: All residents are invited!

Date: Monday, March 20

Time: 3 p.m.

Subject: Grandchild Safety (Poisoning, Choking, and Interventions)

Location: Symphony Village Clubhouse, Concert Hall

Speaker: Joyce Ordun, MS, CRNP, Nurse Practitioner (Ret.), Pediatric Emergency Medicine

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Grasonville Senior Center



The closest Senior Center to Symphony Village is the [Grasonville Senior Center](#) (4802 Main Street) in Grasonville. A complete calendar of events by month is on their website, and events include regular exercise, craft, games, special talks, and a host of other activities. There are also special events such as Spring Fling Dinner and Dance (April 13). The [Monthly Newsletter](#) also has detailed information on many activities. If you're looking for something to do outside of SV, you might want to check out the Senior Center.

Artisans And Vendors Throughout Maryland Are Welcome To Join DrinkMaryland: Centreville – A Maryland Makers Festival

This new event is a family-friendly venue celebrating Maryland's makers and artisans and is presented by the Maryland Wineries Association and the Town of Centreville. There is no entrance fee to attend the event scheduled for **Saturday, June 17, noon to 5 p.m.** You are, however, invited to submit a *Vendor Interest Form* to be a vendor at this new and exciting Centreville event. Vendors fees are designated for 10' by 10' spaces. Space is limited. Early Bird registration is \$50 **if submitted by April 13.** Regular registration is \$75 and must be returned by May 12. Future Homemakers up to the age of 18 will be able to register for \$25. Vendors will be notified regarding selection no later than May 19. If you would like a **Vendor Interest Form** or need more information, please call Carol D'Agnostino at 410-758-1180, Ext. 17, or email Carol D'Agnostino at mainstreet@townofcentreville.org. Residents of SV may also contact Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or email Marge at mbestrano@gmail.com to receive a *Vendor Interest Form*.

Native Attraction by Betty McAtee

("It's For The Birds!")



Filling seed hoppers, hummer feeders, and replenishing suet and mealworms in order to feed and observe our diverse avian populations are frequent pastimes of bird lovers. There is, however, something else to consider: providing a "natural" food source in and around your garden/yard by simply adding (on a one-time basis) native vegetation to attract the right insects (caterpillars) for young nestlings and to produce the right seeds for year-round nourishment of adult bird residents, plus migrants. Planting compactly and avoiding the use of pesticides will offer protection from predators (hawks, cats, etc.) along with an abundant food supply.

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NATIVE TREES such as **serviceberry** (*Amelanchier arborea*), **eastern red cedar** (*Juniperus virginiana*), and **sassafras** (*Sassafras albidum*) provide foliage cover, food (caterpillars, which survive on a diet of foliage and are needed by breeding birds and nestlings), and berries for summer, fall, and winter.

NATIVE SHRUBS and VINES such as **beautyberry** (*Callicarpa americana*), **winterberry** (*Ilex verticillata*), **blackhaw viburnum** (*Viburnum prunifolium*), and **Virginia creeper** (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) host spring caterpillars and produce fall/winter berries. The popular winterberry needs at least one male plant for every one to six females in order to produce the beautiful red berries enjoyed in fall and winter by eastern bluebirds, American robins, woodpeckers, and cedar waxwings, among others. **Trumpet honeysuckle** vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*) offers nectar for hummingbirds. **Buttonbush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) shrubs are welcome near shorelines since they produce seeds eaten by ducks and other waterfowl.

NATIVE PERENNIALS (HERBACEOUS) have foliage needed by a variety of caterpillars, and some produce nectar, fiber for nests, and, of course, seed food. The foliage, flower heads, and seed heads of **purple coneflower** (*Echinacea purpurea*) attract goldfinches. **Blazing star** (*Liatrus spicata*) and **goldenrod** (*Solidago rugosa*) provide seed for migrating and winter bird residents. **Cup plant** (*Silphium perfoliatum*) has special leaves that collect rainwater, plus produces seeds for goldfinches. **Switchgrass** (*Panicum virgatum*) is great cover for wintering birds and the seed is a popular diet of at least 30 different local birds. **Black-eyed susan** (*Rudbeckia hirta*) is another native source of seed for goldfinches. **New England aster** (*Aster novae-angliae*) foliage is home to over 100 species of insect larvae enjoyed by many birds, and produces seed eaten by wild turkeys and finches. **Cardinal flower** (*Lobelia cardinalis*) is a source of nectar for hummers. Lastly, **milkweed** (*Asclepias incarnata*) attracts many insects (most notably the monarch butterfly which depends on it as both a host and nectar source), and the seed fiber is used by goldfinches for nesting purposes. So, something to remember when shopping for new additions or replacements for your garden – invasive and/or exotic (non-native) plants often rob the native birds of proper food. The insects attracted to native plants will supply newly-hatched birds during springtime with caterpillars, while the same plants act as cover and offer nourishing berries and seeds.

Native shrubs and perennials are usually easy to keep healthy since they have adapted to the local climate and “pest” populations, and they typically require no extra watering or herbicide treatment. With some prior planning, your garden can display eye-catching beauty with colorful blossoms and berries for every season of the year. And the birds will love it!

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Gazebo Garden — *Jack Hennessey*

First, the garden cart has been found and returned to Diane Briggs. Next, the adz belonging to Jack's father, Mike, has apparently been borrowed. Please return to the gazebo. The worn-out flags have been removed and taken to the American Legion for proper disposal. The purple martin house at the gazebo has been cleaned and installed by Dan Battista. The martins have left Brazil and are moving north. The martin scouts should arrive by April 1.

There are five other approved martin houses in the Village. Caretakers are urged to get them ready for the migrating flocks. Jack has collected a good supply of egg-shells to provide calcium for the nesting martins. By the time of our next report, we hope to have lots of martins in residence. Hooray!

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

The public is always welcome to attend Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m., or until sold out. Upcoming dinners: Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.



Friday, March 17: The Ladies Auxiliary will host a Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Day dinner, \$12

Friday, March 24: Four Soft Crabs Dinner, \$18

Friday, March 31: Fried Oyster Dinner, \$16

Friday, April 7: The American Legion Riders will host a Spaghetti & Meatballs dinner with salad, \$10

Friday, April 14: Chicken and Dumplings, \$10

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Bird Club — *Linda Blume*



Symphony Village hosts a number of killdeer families each spring. The killdeer (left) is a medium-sized plover with a brown back and wings, a white belly, and a white breast with two black bands. They nest on the ground, so it is especially important to know when you might have one in your yard so you can mark it to protect it (from mowers, for example). The nest is a shallow depression or bowl in the ground, fringed by some stones and blades of grass. The nest is well camouflaged, and the spots on the eggs disguise them as stones. Both



birds take turns guarding the nest, and are known for their signature “broken wing” display when the nest is threatened – they feign a broken wing to lure a predator to them and away from the nest. When the predator is nearing, they simply “heal” and fly away. The chicks will leave the nest within 24 hours and follow their parents on their first adventure. If you're around the Gazebo in springtime, historically we've always had at least one nest nearby.



Bunco — Debi Wells

It's all about the Bunco *tiara*! While every Symphony Village Bunco player is a winner, not all of us get to wear the Bunco *tiara*. A few who have earned the *tiara*, from left to right, are: Kathy McManus, Sue Canfield, Jay Landen, Joyce Ordun, and Sue Liberto. Congratulations to them and to all of our SV Bunco players who donned the *tiara* in February and March!



If you're interested in playing Bunco on the first Thursday evening monthly or the first Monday afternoon monthly, please give us a call, we would love to have you join us. And, if you think you'd like to play Bunco periodically, please consider being a substitute for either our once monthly (Monday or Wednesday) day teams or once monthly (Thursday) night teams. It's easy, fun, and you'll get to meet new friends! If you have questions please email debwells2011@gmail.com.



Next date: Sunday, March 26, at 6 p.m.
Sign up by March 20 in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse.

Lunch Bunch — Marge Strano

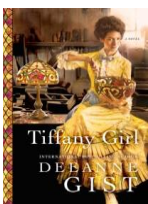


The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 6, at 12:30 p.m. at the [Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar](#) located at 1905 Towne Centre Boulevard, Suite 100, Annapolis, MD. The Paladar Latin Kitchen, located at the Annapolis Towne Center, has an interesting



menu satisfying a variety of sophisticated palates. Hope to see you at our next Lunch Bunch gathering where you can choose to combine a great luncheon experience with a wonderful shopping opportunity. The sign-up sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. *You can also sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the Activities Book. Only sign up in one place.* Please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (Cell 609-221-6378) or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (Cell 610-217-4754) if you have a question or need a ride.

Reading for Fun Book Club — Jack Hennessey



The book reviewed at the February 21 meeting was *Tiffany Girl*, by Deanne Gist. Since Jack and Joan were in sunny Florida, the Book Club meeting was covered by Kathy Olson and Peggy Decker. The heroine of the story is Flossie Jayne, whose dream is to be a painter, so she enrolls in The School of Applied Design. However, her father, who controls the money, does not favor the idea. Fortunately, Louis Tiffany comes along and offers Flossie a job as a glass worker. She accepts the job, planning to earn enough money

to go to Art School. Flossie leaves home and moves into a boarding house and begins her life as a New Woman. She meets Reeve, the hero, and a torrid romance begins. Read the novel to find out how the Tiffany Girl survives. It is a beautiful mosaic of a tale, combining intrigue, passion, history, and romance. On a scale of 1 to 10, the novel received a rating of 7.1.

The book selected for our March 21 meeting is *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett, whom we previously met in *Bel Canto*, a former highly rated book. Like *Bel Canto*, this story starts with an unexpected kiss at a christening party. The embrace at the party by a man and a woman married to other people leads to multiple divorces and remarriages. Read the book to find out what happens to two novelists, Franny and Leo. Surprise!



All residents are invited to attend the meeting and to participate in the discussion.

Social Singles — *Carol Donnelly and Joyce Brown*

Social Singles next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, **April 11, at 10:30 a.m.** at the Clubhouse (second Tuesday of each month).

Joyce and Carol and several neighbors from Harmony Way spent time in Florida for the month of January! We took the Auto Train to Sanford, Florida, and then drove to the Gulf of Mexico Anna Maria Island – beautiful turquoise water, amazing restaurants. The area is famous for their white sugar beaches. An amazingly beautiful experience. Would recommend the trip!! Happy Spring and see everyone soon!!



The March Lunch Bunch event was held at Hemingway's Restaurant on Kent Island, a twenty-minute ride from Centreville. Queen Anne's County residents are so very fortunate to have so many local restaurants with magnificent water and sunset views—Hemingway's is no exception with a perfect location at the westward entrance to the Bay Bridge. Hemingway's delightful interior ambience takes you outdoors to where the water meets the sky—an exhilarating view at sunset. Our luncheon group found the view well worth the trip; the choppy waters on a windy day did not diminish the beauty.

Food portions were plentiful and delicious. The wait staff was very courteous and attentive getting food out in an orderly manner and giving us ample time to enjoy our lunch. Several of our guests had not been to Hemingway's Restaurant for quite some time. They were pleasantly surprised to find that the nautical interior of the restaurant provided a comfortable setting and that the menu had some new and interesting additions.

The menu includes a variety of starters such as Crispy Fried Calamari Rings and Bacon-Wrapped Jumbo Shrimp, and three soups. Hemingway's has a Raw Bar featuring oysters, jumbo shrimp, crab claws, and jumbo lump crabmeat. The Shell Fish Steamer includes 8 clams, 4 shrimp, and a ½ pound of mussels for \$19. Salads prices range from \$7 to \$9; you can choose to add seafood or chicken for an additional price. Entrees, ranging in price from \$19 to \$38, include a nice variety of seafood, duck, chicken, and lamb. The Sandwich and Burger Board features ten sandwiches to satisfy almost any palate—a Black Angus Beef

Burger, a Grilled Pastrami Ruben, a Grilled Mediterranean Chicken, and a Jumbo Crab Cake Sandwich, just to name a few.

The Brunch Menu served on Sundays includes ten items—all individually priced for your convenience (\$10.95 through \$18.95). Although I have not tried the Brunch to date, the menu sounds interesting with some of the usual choices, such as French Toast, Omelettes, Eggs Benedict, and Pancakes, and other more interesting items, such as Crab and Scrambled Egg Quesadillas and Grilled Chicken Omelettes. All in all, the Lunch Bunch attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the company of good friends. The announcement for the April Lunch Bunch is included in the *Libretto* and also available on the SV Website. Come join us in April for our next outing!



Tennis — Larry Miller

Spring is on the way and it is time to prepare for tennis at SV. A meeting will soon be scheduled to discuss our tennis plans for 2017. See you on the courts.

Compilation Of Readings & Understandings Of An Astronaut's Thoughts During A Moon Launch



... by an Armchair Astronaut

It is December 1968, I lie in my form-fitting recliner excited, proud, and surprisingly calm as we prepare to orbit the moon. I look out my window at the Florida landscape, and I remember the view from the Statue of Liberty when I was younger; we're even higher than that now! Our Saturn V moon rocket shakes my chair like an earthquake as its five F-1 engines pour out 8 million pounds of thrust. In 20 minutes, they will expend the power of 85 Hoover Dams to launch this 6-million-pound machine to the moon! This most complex machine ever built is powerful enough to launch the Statue of Liberty into space! It's amazing what our species has achieved! After 100,000 years of staring at the moon, dreaming, and clawing our way up the evolutionary ladder, we have produced this marvelous machine; and I am one of three select individuals to represent my country and fellow citizens on a trip around the moon. It is amazing and a little frightening that we're sitting on 4.5 megatons of explosives! The first a-bomb was only 0.2 megatons, but that's what it will take to get to the moon and back! Only weeks ago, our spy satellites revealed that a Russian N-1 moon rocket blew up on the launch pad in their attempt to send a single man into orbit around the moon. This is the most powerful non-nuclear explosion in history; nothing remains for miles around. As a result, I feel the excitement and a touch of fear welling up in my chest, but I have confidence in our engineering design and our mission to reach the moon.

Symphony Village Astronomy Club Coming This Summer! — Contact Larry Rayner

Photo by Jan Withers



RECIPE of the MONTH

Seven-Layer Dip Cups

INGREDIENTS (Serving 12)

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| 1 cup guacamole | 1 cup salsa |
| 6 flour tortillas | ¾ cup sour cream |
| ½ cup green onions, chopped | 1 tomato, finely diced |
| 1 14-ounce can refried beans | 1 bag Mexican blend cheese |



PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350°F/180°C.
2. Cut flour tortillas into large squares and then divide each into quarters, making 4 smaller equally sized square pieces, per flour tortilla.
3. Generously coat a standard-size muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray.
4. Line each cup of prepared muffin tin with a tortilla sheet.
5. Spoon a tablespoon of refried beans into each sheet.
6. Sprinkle shredded cheese over each sheet.
7. Place another sheet on top of the bean/cheese mixture and press so it flattens.
8. Cook for 15 minutes.
9. Spoon in a tablespoon of guacamole, sour cream, and salsa into each cup then top with green onions and tomato.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Matinee Movie: “Arrival”



The Centreville branch of the Queen Anne’s County Library will show [Arrival](#) on **Friday, March 17**, 2 – 4 p.m. A linguist (Amy Adams) tries to communicate with aliens who have suddenly arrived at various locations on earth. The run time is 116 minutes, and the movie is rated PG-13.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will host an all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast, **Sunday, March 19**, 7:30 – 11 a.m., at the Fire Hall. Cost is \$8. These breakfasts are held the third Sunday of every month except in the summer.

Dinner Out to Benefit Friends of the Queen Anne’s County Library



[Rams Head Shore House](#) (800 Main Street) in Stevensville will host [Dinner Out](#) to benefit the Friends of the Queen Anne’s County Library on **Tuesday, March 28**, 4 p.m. – closing. Rams Head will donate back to the Friends of the Library 20% of money spent on food that night. You will need to take a copy of the flyer announcing this event to Rams Head when you go. Fliers are available from DeAnn Cheyne (call 732-615-8501) and in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. Proceeds from this night will help the Friends continue to support our county’s libraries in meeting all their goals.

Midweek Movie: "Hacksaw Ridge"



The Centreville branch of the Queen Anne's County Library will show [Hacksaw Ridge](#) on **Wednesday, March 29**, 5:30 – 7:30. A conscientious objector who refused to take a life or even carry a weapon, Doss was eventually awarded the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of 75 soldiers on the battlefields of Okinawa. The movie is rated R.

Compass Regional Hospice Gala: "Profiles in Courage"



The [Compass Regional Hospice Gala](#) will take place on **Friday, April 7**, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., at Annie's Paramount Steak and Seafood House (500 Kent Narrows Way N) in Grasonville. The event features a seated steak and lobster dinner, entertainment, and premier live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$200 per person. For more information or tickets, contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106.

Spring Wreath Craft



The Centreville branch of the Queen Anne's County Library will host [Spring Wreath Craft](#) on **Wednesday, April 12**, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Make a beautiful themed wreath to decorate your front door. The event is free, and all materials will be supplied by the library. Advance registration is required – go to the website

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

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