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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



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SV HOA

SV Board of Directors Report – June 2017 Approved Motions

March Minutes:

- Approved the minutes of the March 24 Board meeting as written.

Clubhouse Expansion:

- Approved a motion based on the May 5 majority-homeowner vote to approve a Clubhouse expansion to earmark \$230,000 of unobligated Homeowners' Equity to be used for the Clubhouse expansion project.
- Approved a motion to authorize the Budget and Finance Committee to begin negotiating with banks for a loan to provide Clubhouse expansion- project funding.

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- Approved a motion to approve the contract to hire the Torchio Architects project team, including sub-consultants, to complete the Clubhouse expansion design, manage the contract bid phase, and provide construction administration services at a cost not to exceed \$72,200. These funds will be available through the life of the project and will not expire at the end of calendar year 2017.
- Approved a motion to authorize the submitted Request for Proposal to competitively procure a General Contractor/Construction Manager for the Clubhouse expansion project with a proposed budget not to exceed \$438,000, including site work.

Asphalt Walking Path:

- Approved a motion to purchase four signs to be posted along the asphalt path at either end (Walgreens to Symphony Way) posting hours of access and limiting use to pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized devices to meet ADA requirements based upon requirements set out in the 2003 easement agreement.
- Approved a motion to purchase no less than four steel safety bollards to be installed at either end of the path (at Walgreens and at the split on SV property at the utility node) and at the intersection of Laser Drive and Route 213 at a cost not to exceed \$400.
- Approved a motion to send correspondence by registered mail to the Town of Centreville requesting that it take over the maintenance and liability of the asphalt pathway from Walgreens to the Centreville side of the creek bridge and include this in their Open Space inventory.



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SV Finances:

- Approved a motion based on the recommendation of the Investment Subcommittee of the Budget and Finance Committee to (1) purchase a \$235,000 12-month CD at EverBank with a rate of 1.45% with the source of funds coming from the money market account at Xenith Bank, and (2) deposit proceeds from the CD maturing at Access Bank on May 31 into the Xenith Bank money market account.
- Approved a motion to authorize the Budget and Finance Committee to develop a Reserve Fund Use Policy for consideration by the Board.

Pool Rules:

- Approved a motion to amend #17 of the Pool Rules to read: “Residents who bring children to the pool must be on the pool deck supervising the child in the pool at all times, and if the child is a non-swimmer (even if they are wearing a flotation device), the resident or a parent must be in the pool with the child. No child can be left on the pool deck unsupervised at any time.”

Tennis Courts:

- Approved a motion to authorize three repair items for the tennis courts to be paid from the 2017 Operating Budget at a cost not to exceed \$2,900: (1) Clean and fill structural cracks and apply overlay paint with a three-year warranty at a cost of \$1,640; (2) clean and fill overlay fence post cracks with asphalt-treated fiberglass fabric (120-day warranty) at a cost of \$1250; and (3) replace water-removal sponge roller at a cost of \$95.
- Approved a motion to authorize replacement of the tennis court fence top rail (approximately 330 LF) with a new black vinyl-top rail at a cost of \$3,420 to be paid from the Reserve Fund.

Next Board Meeting Date:

- Approved a motion to hold the next Board meeting on Wednesday, August 2, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Board Informational Sessions To Begin

As announced at the May HOA BOD meeting, Board Informational Sessions have been established on the first and third Fridays monthly to receive Management updates between Board meetings. On occasion, the date may change due to a schedule conflict. All residents are welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 16, at 10 a.m. in Concert Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS – Chris Parisaeu, Chair; Kathy Mizer, Co-Chair

The July meeting has been changed to July 10 at 1 p.m. due to the holiday.



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

Art Happy Hour on May 20 was a great event. It is amazing how many artists are in SV. Thanks to Peggy Decker, Zina Lichaa, and Sue Canfield and their elves for putting on a great event. Hope we have a repeat in the future.

- It's time for summer vacations, lazy days at the beach, outdoor picnics and parties, taking a refreshing dip in the pool. Your Lifestyle Committee is on the job all summer to keep the fun going. There's something for everyone on the calendar...join us!
- **Happy Hour** - Saturday, June 17, 6 p.m., Clubhouse. **Birthday Happy Hour.** Birthday Party for April to June birthdays. Zina Lichaa and Barbara Rosdail, hosts.
- **Opus Café**, Thursdays through August, 9-10:30 a.m., poolside porch, Clubhouse.
- **Beatles Tribute Concert**, Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. concert, Clubhouse



Concert Hall. **Sold Out!** Contact Susan Rayner if you'd like to be on the waiting list or to check for cancellations.

- **Movie Night**, Friday, June 30, 7 p.m., Clubhouse, Movie TBA, watch ECHOES and Lifestyle Page on SV Website for details.
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting**, Monday, July 3, 7 p.m., Clubhouse.
- **Independence Day Celebration!** Parade and Picnic, Tuesday, July 4. Parade line up 11:30 a.m. at Taylor Mill Road. After the parade, bring your own picnic to the Clubhouse and enjoy the holiday with friends and family.
- **Happy Hour**, Friday, July 7, 6 p.m., Clubhouse, Jinny and Steve Guy, hosts.
- **Let's Have a Luau**, Sunday, July 9, 4:30 p.m., poolside, Clubhouse. Enjoy a casual meal of pulled pork BBQ and sides, \$10 per person. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse to sign up.**
- **Happy Hour**, Saturday, July 15, 6 p.m., Clubhouse, **Surprise hosts for a special Happy Hour!**
- **Sunset Sail**, Annapolis, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. See article below and Activities Book at Clubhouse to sign up.



Annapolis Sunset Sail

Greetings Village People! Please mark your calendars with a big X and join us on July 27, for a fabulous sunset sail on the Chesapeake Bay. Board the *Schooner Woodwind* at 6:15 p.m. for an evening of cocktails, acoustic music, and songs featuring Maryland's own Dirk Schwenk. Dirk is an award-winning singer-songwriter who has played Rams Head on Stage, The Recher Theatre, Rams Head Live, 8 x 10, and Annapolis' The Whiskey. Set lists start with great original music, but include everything from Johnny Cash to Jack Johnson to The Ramones. To hear some of Dirk's original music please go to his [website](#). Please see the sign-up sheet in the Activities Book. These acoustic music sunset sails sell out quickly and have limited seating so please sign up and put your checks in the Black Box in the Wall Street Room. The cut-off date to sign up is July 15.

Depart: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Return: Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$44 per person. Checks should be made out to Mary Colling-Officer with Sunset Sail noted on the check.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase on board.

Please reach out to Mary Colling-Officer with any questions: maryelizabethcollingofficer@gmail.com.

Opus Café - New Summer Event

Join your neighbors under the porch by the pool Thursday mornings from 9 - 10:30 a.m. during June, July, and August for a casual breakfast and conversation. Modest fee for food, determined by each week's menu. Bottomless cup of coffee and tea for \$1. The Café is co-ed, drop-in when you're able, no reservations needed. Carol Hodges and Susan Rayner are your first hosts. Menu changes weekly per hosts. Call Carol or Susan to sign up to host or sign up in the Activities Book.

Happy July 4th!

Join your friends for the annual July 4th parade and picnic. Parade participants meet at Taylor Mill Road, Tuesday, July 4, 11:30 a.m. Decorate your car, truck, golf cart,

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yourself, pet, bicycle, motorcycle, or all of the above! Walk, ride, skate, drive...whatever mode you prefer. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. If you're not in the parade, show your SV pride by greeting the parade as they go by!

Bring your own picnic to the Clubhouse after the parade to enjoy the rest of the day with friends and family.

Lifestyle Page on SV Website

Don't forget to view the new Lifestyle page on the [SV Website](#). Thanks to our Lifestyle computer gurus and SV Webczar, you can view all events conveniently on the SV Website. Events will be added and updated regularly, so make it a habit to log in.

Find the Lifestyle page on the SV Website, www.symphonymvillage.net, log in, and click on "Lifestyle" to view the calendar of upcoming events.

Happy Hours - hurry or you'll miss out!

A big "Thank You" to our recent "themed" Happy Hour hosts:

Sue Canfield and Zina Lichaa, who hosted the Art Show Happy Hour, and Susan and Larry Rayner who hosted the Starry, Starry Night Happy Hour. Both were a rousing success!

It's wonderful to have these special Happy Hours, and we also appreciate the hosts who graciously volunteer for each and every Happy Hour. They couldn't happen without YOU!

Only a few openings remain for hosts in 2017...thank you for your enthusiastic responses. Hosting is easy and lots of fun. 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, which we will advertise. You 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 will help.

Live Concert - Beatles Tribute

Save the Date! **McCartney, Yesterday and Today**, Saturday, June 24, Clubhouse Concert Hall. Bring your favorite appetizer for a social hour beginning at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. **Event SOLD OUT!** Call Susan Rayner to be on the waiting list or to check for cancellations.



2017 Trips

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

Children 2-17 \$120 per person

Adults \$130 per person

Seniors (65) \$125 per person

Maximum 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. 6:45 a.m. departure from SV. **See Activities Book at Clubhouse, payment in advance by August 1.**

New York Overnight

Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21

\$399 per person, double occupancy

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Trip includes bagel breakfast with Mimosas and Bloody Marys as we travel to New York.

Lodging at the Marriott Marquis, baggage handling (one bag per person)

Catered deli dinner on the ride home, bus transportation, all taxes and tips

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

Theatre Trip, New York, Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Dear Evan Hansen

Trip includes Theatre seating (description below for pricing), bagel breakfast, catered deli dinner, bus transportation, all taxes and tips.

6:45 a.m. departure from Jones Station Road Park & Ride

Seating:

Rear Mezzanine, 30 seats, \$200 per person

Mid Mezzanine, 20 seats, \$220 per person

Please note- there are steps to climb.

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

Events in the Planning Stage

- **Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour**, Saturday, August 19
- **Ice Cream Social**, Sunday, August 20
- **Annapolis Trolley Tour**, Saturday, September 23
- **Fall Yard Sale**, October 14



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OUTREACH — *Bea Trotta, Chairman*

Bingo



Karen and Brad Kram are enthusiastic Orioles Fans

Baseball Bingo was a home run for the Outreach Bingo committee! Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs, peanuts, baseball pops, and baseball bat pretzels, as well as an especially lively night of bingo. The room was awash with the team colors worn by their fans who cheered enthusiastically when a home run was scored by a bingo win.

Special thanks to all who helped: the set-up crew of Alex Verna, Mike King, and Jim Cooke, short-order cooks Carlene Cooke, and Maggie Kovack, servers Pat Loiacono,



and Jane Romany, cashiers John DiLaura, DeAnn Cheyne, Carol Porosoff and Mel Porosoff, caller Donna Donaldson assisted by Marlene Tennier, scorekeeper Eleanor Strietman, bakers Bea Trotta and Terri O'Connell, music help from Steve Quigley, Lynore Swink for her creative decorations, and Ed Williams for his help.

Hope to see you when Bingo returns in September and the jackpot will be \$275!

Baseball Bingo chairs and baseball pop and pretzel bat specialists, Willie DiLaura and Marilyn Williams

Wine Glass Painting Party

Reminder: Symphony Village Outreach is sponsoring the upcoming Glass Painting Party. It is in our Concert Hall on Friday, June 23, at 7 p.m. There will be snacks, wine, lemonade, and FUN! Heather Nate, our Artist, will be bringing lots of glassware to choose from. Come with an idea in mind or Heather will have some ideas that you can think about and use. It should be great fun!!!

One piece for \$20 and two pieces for \$25. Remember that Symphony Village Outreach will benefit from your support so they can help others!

Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show



Outreach will host a Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show on **Sunday, September 24**, 2 – 4 p.m., at The Milestone in Easton (near the airport). A traditional catered Tea will

include finger sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, pastries, and more. PG Tips tea (regular and decaf) will be served. Chico's and White House Black Market will present the fashion show. In addition, there will be raffles, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and table



prizes. Bring friends, relatives, and young ladies (ages 8 – 17). Sign up together for a table, and Outreach will do the rest. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for young ladies. Ticket sales will begin in late June – watch for the announcement.

Outreach Ongoing Fundraising Programs

In late 2015, Outreach began participating in two ongoing fundraising opportunities. We want to let everyone know that these programs continue, and money raised goes into the Outreach coffers to be used to fund the QAC programs, services, and non-profit organizations that Outreach supports.

Café Press Merchandise Shop featuring SV Outreach Logo Items: Café Press is an online shop for clothing and gifts. There are items available that have the Outreach logo on them. For every item sold, Outreach receives a percentage of the sale. Go to [Café Press: Symphony Village Outreach](#) to peruse items such as shirts, sweatshirts, baseball hats, and other clothing, as well as items such as drinkware, bags, key chains, aprons, etc.

Car Donating is Easy (CARS): If you donate a car, motorcycle, boat, RV, or even a quad through the CARS program, the item will be auctioned off and the net revenue, after a small percentage of administrative expenses are deducted, will be sent to Outreach. Each donor will receive a letter from CARS noting your charitable donation that can be used as a tax deduction. You make the initial call or email request; they handle everything for you, including pickup. You can call the CARS' toll free number 855-500-RIDE to get started or go to [CARS: Symphony Village Outreach](#). A representative will contact you.

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

Senior Moments

Previously the *Libretto* has run Senior Moments. We would like to revive that. Please share with your neighbors any funny Senior Moments that may have occurred. Send it to Carol Hodges, Marge Strano, or Brenda Stoltz.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday, July 3, at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President; Bea Trotta, Correspondent

Silent Auction

Sneakers is collecting new/unused items for the November Silent Auction. If you have items to donate, please contact Amy Marotta 443-262-8807 or Terri O'Connell 443-928-3368.

We welcome your donations of basket items, gift certificates, sporting or cultural event tickets, professional services, talents, skills, vacation properties, fishing or sailing boat charters, and even sharing your computer expertise to assist others. We are also open to new ideas for auction. The cutoff date for your donations is September 29. Look for details soon regarding the sale of tickets. Remember, tickets are limited.



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At the Clubhouse
\$25/person*

*Enjoy tasty sandwiches, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, and delicious
homemade desserts
(Tickets are limited)*

CHARITY EVENT TO BENEFIT THE QAC PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

School Book Giveaway

Sneakers hosted four end-of-year elementary school book giveaways. We were able to give books to students at Kennard, Centreville, Church Hill, and Sudlersville schools. These students now have a new book of their choosing to read over the summer.

Thank you to all the SV residents who helped with this most worthwhile event.

Do You Know What Sneakers Is?

Sneakers is a non-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to provide support to children and families in the QAC school system that have financial needs as identified by the school counselors.

Sneakers began almost 13 years ago by adopting a very poor family who were sending their children to school in flip-flops or shoes without soles during the winter. We were asked to provide sneakers for this family. Thus, the name Sneakers was born.

We continued adopting families every year for the holiday season, providing them with clothing, a new pair of sneakers, and a few toys. This past holiday season, ten families had happier holidays because their children had gifts to open.

Sneakers gives books away two to three times each school year to elementary-age children in the Kennard, Centreville, Church Hill, and Sudlersville schools. We assist with helping financially strapped sixth graders attend the overnight outdoor education program, as well.

Each year Sneakers awards scholarships to high school graduating students going on to Chesapeake College or to other Maryland schools. Their respective school guidance counselors identify these graduating students. This year we awarded \$2,000 to these deserving students, who might otherwise not be able to further their education.

We also provide funds on an annual basis for children to attend Camp New Dawn, an overnight summer camp sponsored by Compass Regional Hospice, to assist children dealing with the loss of a parent or immediate family member.

As school guidance counselors bring other needs to our attention, we provide financial help as well as volunteer services to the local schools and support other school-identified needs that may occur.

All of this is possible because of the commitment of the Sneakers' members and you through your ongoing generosity. Thank you for your support!!

Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We always welcome new members.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Symphony Village Astronomy Club – by *The Armchair Astronomer, Larry Rayner*



Two LANDMARK events occurred recently. First, the Anniversary of John F. Kennedy's birth (May 29, 1917) and, secondly, the first observing session of our new SV Astronomy Club. 😊

Our 35th President deserves mention since his decision had such a positive impact on our space exploration program and astronomy in general. His *Profiles in Courage* set America on our present course of exploring our galaxy when he announced in Houston on September 12, 1962, in what has come to be called his "moon speech," a probe was on its way to Venus. For his full uplifting speech, see: <https://er.jsc.nasa.gov/seh/ricetalk>. From his vision, America was first to put a man on the moon. Now our probes have reached into our solar system and Hubble has gone beyond. For NASA, the sky holds no limits.

Our first observing session was held after our June 2 Happy Hour where we got to see the moon and its craters and Jupiter and four of its prominent moons (the same satellites observed by Galileo in 1610). The new

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Astronomy Club was well received (we now have almost 30 members), as was the Blue Marble cocktail, of which we served about 60 (you do the math). The next observing session will be announced to the members through email. We anticipate this to occur the last week of June. Subjects will be the moon and the beautiful ringed planet Saturn.



Prior to our observing session with binoculars or a small telescope, you should be able to see Saturn and Jupiter after sunset and some of its moons, when looking SE and SW respectively. Look along the ecliptic path the sun takes through the sky. Saturn is at “opposition,” its closest approach to Earth during the year. Saturn will be at magnitude -2.2; Jupiter and its four prominent moons will be at magnitude -1.7 and between magnitude 5 and 6, respectively (possibly visible to the naked eye for those with good eyesight). Another thing to look for on Jupiter is the Great Red spot (a 300-year-old hurricane). For those who don’t understand magnitude or how to find/use it, try using the Sky Guide App. By placing your phone or iPad up to the sky you will see constellations, stars, and planets. They are not actual sightings, but are computer generated and well worth downloading this free App; also try Sky View.

Neil deGrasse Tyson recently said “Man is the only creature that sleeps on his back looking at the stars.” Perhaps that is what has made us, since the beginning of our species, so fascinated with the sky and our galaxy. We are all amateur astronomers, every time we walk out at night and look up and wonder, is that the North Star, the Big Dipper, Venus? No prior knowledge of astronomy or astrophysics is needed to join the club, we will all learn together. We hope more of you join the Astronomy Club and dance with us across the Milky Way.

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Gazebo Garden – by Jack Hennessey

Well, it has finally happened. All timbers have been removed from the 20 flower beds and the entire area has been sodded! I have to admit that Complete did a fine job. But the question remains - “Where have all the flowers gone?” I have a few pictures, but nothing now is left but majestic memory. A few dedicated gardeners will remember that there were 13,025 black-eyed Susans at the date of the contest when the closest guess was 10,000. Many residents were lucky enough to rescue many plants from the plow and the sickle. My favorite flowers were the daffodils, which Wordsworth immortalized thusly:

For oft when on my couch I lie,
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon the inward eye,
Which is the bliss of solitude,
For then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Mark my words, they will return! Residents will always be welcome to picnic in the Gazebo.

Lunch Bunch – by Bea Trotta & Marge Strano



The July Lunch Bunch is scheduled for [Crow Vineyard](#), located at 12441 Vansants Corner Rd., Kennedyville, on **Thursday, July 13, at 12:30 p.m.** Crow Vineyard is planning a Sandwich Lunch Buffet consisting of sliced, roasted Crow Angus Beef and Crow Egg Salad, along with a platter of sliced tomatoes, onions, and lettuce. Pasta Salad and Cole Slaw will be included. The buffet will begin with a Welcome Sparkling

Vidal Blanc and two wine tastings at lunch. For dessert, there will be ice cream and cookies or brownies. Sliced bread, rolls, iced tea, and a water station will also be included. The cost of the event will be \$27.90 per person, including tax and gratuity, paid for individually at the time of the luncheon. There will be two door prize drawings.

You will also have the opportunity to purchase grass-fed Angus beef. We suggest you bring a cooler to keep the beef safe for the trip home.

Enjoy a delicious lunch, a tour of the winery, and an opportunity to shop in the winery tasting room. **Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). As usual you can also sign up in the *Activities Book* at the *Clubhouse*. If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the *Activities Book*. Only sign up in one place.** Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question or need a ride.

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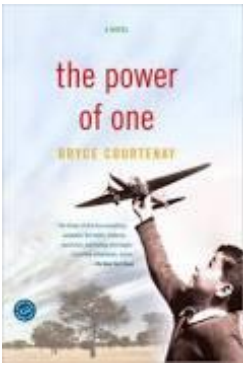
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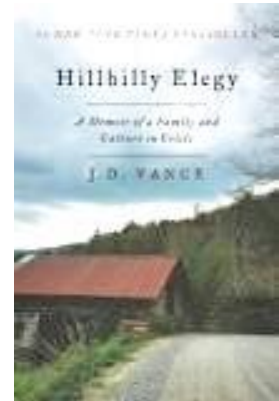


Reading for Fun Book Club — *by Jack Hennessey*



The book that we discussed at our May 16 meeting was *The Power of One*, by Bruce Courtenay, recommended by Jack Hennessey. The setting for the novel is South Africa, during the 1940s and 1950s. Peekay (the author?) is relating the story of his life, primarily his youth. At six years old, Peekay is attending a boarding school where he is constantly harassed by the Nazi-leaning upper-classmen. Peekay happens to meet Hoppie Groenwald, a welter-weight (145 pounds) boxer. Hoppie instills in Peekay a desire to become the welter-weight champ. When he is only 7 years old, Peekay meets Professor Karl Von Hollenstein, a famous botanist and a classical musician. Peekay continues to pursue his dream as a boxer. On a scale of 1 to 10, this book received a rating of 8.2.

The book for our June 20 meeting is *Hillbilly Elegy*, a memoir by the author, J.D. Vance. It is a passionate and personal analysis of the loss of the American dream for a large segment of the USA. J.D. Vance, a former Marine and a law school graduate, tells the story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you are born into it. An interesting sideline relates J.D.'s relationship with his mom, who has several husbands and many boyfriends during her drug-addicted life. J.D. does stick by his mom thru thick and thin-which is amazing! This is a recommended read. All residents are invited to sit in on any of our Book Club meetings.



CERT — *by George Drake*

After a very successful season of CERT speaker programs, CERT will take a break until sometime in the fall; much thanks for our successful programs goes to Debi Wells who suggested subjects, found speakers, and organized the presentations. Please thank her when you see her.

Our Website has been recently updated with: Mission, History, Members, Accomplishments, On-Going Activities, Emergency Plan (2016), National CERT Links, SV Homeowner Fire & General Safety, File of Life, and SV Emergency Information Form. Access the CERT information from the SV Dashboard page or the [CERT page](#).

Thank you to the many men and women in the Village who have trained and retrained for incidents that could occur in our village. Your CERT group will be ready to be activated to help our neighbors in case of any impending or actual emergency conditions.

We are looking for current members to step up as co-coordinators for our group. Plus, we are always looking for new members. Please contact George Drake or Debi Wells if you would like to step up to a leadership/planning role in CERT or join our team.



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Social Singles – by Carol Donnelly

Social Singles meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Craft Room. Social Singles met on June 13 at the Clubhouse. We had several items for discussion for future and current trips. We were also encouraging our members to join in other events in the community! OPUS Café: (See ECHOES) Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. Coffee and breakfast treats on the pool deck!!

- **June 15-August 27 – TOBY’S** – Planning on attending a matinee of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.
- **June 21— Wednesday, Lunch at the Crab Deck**—Meet in the parking lot at noon. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **June 29— Thursdays in the Park –Wheelhouse, 7 p.m., 4-H Park**—Sign up in the Activities Book. Meet at the Clubhouse at 6:15 p.m.
- **July 26 – Wednesday, IHOP Restaurant, Red Apple Town Center.** Breakfast (all day) or lunch. Meet at the Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **August 5 – Saturday Tour of the James E. Kirwan House, Kent Island Heritage Society, Stevensville.** Tours are from noon to 4 p.m. This event is in the planning stages. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **August 31 – November 12 – TOBY’S, Dreamgirls 1960s popular music.** Planning for matinee.
- **September 5-7 –** Three of us reserved a room two months ago. If you are interested, call the hotel directly and see if rooms are still available. Carpool. Two queen beds and one sofa bed per room/great for two or three people.
 - Comfort Suites: 4195 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA.
 - Dates: Tuesday, September 5, to Thursday, September 7
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 - Check-in: Tuesday, September 5—4 p.m.
 - Check-out: Friday, September 8—11 a.m.
- **September 16 – Chesapeake Storytelling Festival:** This is an all-day event from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. [Tickets online](#) - \$40 until June 15 and then \$50 through August 15. More information in coming meetings.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Rare Cribbage Hand - by Jack Walsh

On May 30, Allan Levin was dealt the rarest hand in Cribbage. The odds of getting the hand of 4 fives and a Jack totaling 29 points is said to be 216,580 to 1, which is not as rare as getting struck by lightning or winning the lottery. Yet most Cribbage players, like Allan, play a lifetime and never see, much less are dealt the hand.

You can learn how those five cards add up to 29 points and other Cribbage delights by joining Allan, Laura Rocco, and SV neighbor Jack Walsh playing Cribbage every Tuesday at noon in Centreville behind Goodwill Fire station at the Kramer Center, 104 Powell St. Beginners welcome.



Community Shredding Day

A community shredding day is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 28**, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse parking lot closest to the tennis court. Please bring your documents that you wish to discard and be organized to ensure all residents are serviced. There will be donations accepted for the Symphony Village Outreach program. A BIG thank you to Mary Ciesielski who is sponsoring this event.

Suggested Items for Shredding:

- Address labels from junk mail and magazines
- ATM receipts
- Bank statements
- Birth certificate copies
- Canceled and voided checks
- Credit and charge card bills, carbon copies, summaries, and receipts
- Credit reports and histories

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Saturday, June 17**, 1 p.m.: [Author Event: Rebekah Colburn](#)
- **Wednesday, June 21**, 6 p.m.: [Make It! A DIY Program](#)
- **Saturday, June 24**, 4 p.m.: [Crime & a Cuppa](#)
- **Wednesday, June 28**, 5:30 p.m.: [The Not-Quite Midnight Movie - LEGO Batman](#)
- **Friday, July 14**, 2:30 p.m.: [Matinee Movie - The Lost City of Z](#)

Bocce Banter - *by Don Rizzo*

When you think of a picnic, what do you think of? Hot dogs? Hamburgers? Naw! That's for old-fashioned thinkers. Here in Symphony Village nowadays we associate "picnic" with a Bocce Tournament and that's exactly what it was all about at the Memorial Day Picnic this year.

As the last notes of the touching bugler's rendition of Taps filtered through the trees, folks started to wander over to the Bocce Courts to warm up for what has become a traditional picnic event – the Bocce Tournament. With ten players registered for the event, a challenging competition was anticipated and, despite the sporadic rain, the spectators were not to be disappointed. And when it was all over, the team of Betty Lord and Lillian Sheehan were crowned the winners to the delight of all in attendance. The amazing thing is that one of them, I won't say which one, had never played Bocce before but, thanks to some pre-game instruction, helped pull off a wonderful win. Congratulations to Betty and Lillian as this year's Memorial Day Bocce Champions!

While we're passing out kudos, we really appreciate the work Tim Spangler, our Maintenance Technician, performed on the bocce courts during the off-season. He was able to remove some ugly stains from the courts with his power washing skills and his constant dedication to keeping our bocce area in tip-top shape. We thank you Tim!!

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And speaking of the courts, remember they are available for your rolling pleasure at any time. The necessary equipment is available at the courts for your use and, if you want some company, we have a dedicated group that meets at the courts on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and they welcome all comers – experienced or not – to join in the fun. If that time is not to your liking, given enough interest, we can establish additional times for group get-togethers if you like. For example, we could plan an additional time on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. or even Mondays at 4 p.m. We can meet anytime a group prefers. We can even arrange challenge matches, for example, should you want to challenge the Good Time Rollers, which is our Symphony Village entry in the Chestertown Olde Town Bocce League. They are the league defending Champions, so be careful. They might insist on a “loser buys the beer” event.

And, don't worry, if you're new to bocce for Don Rizzo is available to introduce you to the game at your convenience – whether you are just one person or a group. Call him at 443-262-8192 to arrange for a time to meet at the courts. And let the good times roll!

Celebrate Spring With Blue False Indigo – by Betty McAtee

If you enjoy unique, out-of-the-ordinary flowering perennials in your garden, blue false indigo (*Baptisia australis*) is worth considering. From its Latin scientific name, “bapto” means “to dip” or “to dye.” Early Native Americans used blue false indigo flowers for blue dye.

This perennial is native to eastern North America and the Midwest, and so is generally trouble free and deer resistant, tolerant to drought, and rarely subject to serious pest damage. Its spectacular purple-blue lupine-like flowers and unusual blue-grey foliage do well when cut for a floral arrangement.

Blue false indigo grows 3-4 feet tall into a shrub-type plant, and is a magnet for numerous pollinators, especially butterflies. Numerous butterfly caterpillars are attracted to its foliage for food. It prefers full to partial sun. Its large seed pods eventually turn black, and provide winter interest if left uncut. These are also used in decorative dried arrangements.

Seedlings of blue false indigo need about 2-3 years to produce blossoms, but established plants can remain for decades. Easily propagated by seeds from its pods, it's definitely a favorite of mine.



DrinkMaryland: Centreville – A Maryland Makers Festival



[DrinkMaryland](#): Centreville will take place on **Saturday, June 17**, noon – 5 p.m., in Centreville on the Courthouse green. The event will showcase Maryland vendors who produce wine, beer, spirits, food, fine arts, artisan crafts, and jewelry, as well as authors and musicians. Entry into the DrinkMaryland event is free – attendees can shop the local artisans, and food and spirits vendors, but a **tasting pass** is needed to sample and purchase drinks by the glass. Advance tickets are \$20 and day-of tickets are \$25. Tickets may be purchased on the website. All tickets include a stemless sampling glass and samples of Maryland wine, beer, and spirits from participating vendors. Event will be held rain or shine.

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“Pop-Top” Update and Reminder



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Our local Centreville Masons are so grateful for your help with this project. For those who might not know, pop-tops are brought to the Shriners in Chester and then transferred to a recycling center and converted into money, which is used to help defray expenses for transporting sick children to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This is a free service to families who might otherwise not be able to have this opportunity. Thousands of dollars were raised last year! Pop-tops are found on so many canned products – pet food, soda, veggies, soup, tuna, etc. This is an ongoing effort, 12 months of the year. Thank you if you are already participating, and please join in if you haven't yet! There is a collection box on the counter in the Craft Room.

From Farm to Village – by Ann Walsh



Editorial Comment: Ann was the first Chairman of the Publication and Communication Committee. She is responsible for the beginning development of the Libretto. This article was published in the February 2006 Libretto.

A delightful, fun and informative evening was had when the Woods came to dinner at the Walshes'. I want to share

with fellow residents how Symphony Village began.

Jean and Nicholas (Woody) Wood have lived in Centreville all their lives. Woody is older than Jean by a few years, but as is typical in small towns, they did know each other, went to the same schools, knew each other's friends, started dating in 1952, and married in 1953.

Growing up, farming was always a part of Woody's life. He joined the Air Force in the early 1950's moving several times, with Jean and two small children during his tour of duty. He thought of making the Air Force his career yet farming was still in his heart. While he was still in the service, his decision about his future came when he and Jean bought their first farm near Church Hill in 1955. Woody saved his leave time to use during the busy

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time of harvesting the crops, driving across country in some cases to help his bothers. Thus his life as a farmer seriously began.

Jean received her BS at the University of Maryland and her MA from Washington College. She was a teacher for 33 years in Queen Anne's County, including being Principal at Church Hill Elementary and an instructional supervisor

Jean and Woody bought the present farm of 280 acres in the mid 70's and farmed primarily for crops: corn, soybeans, and winter wheat. Their stories of growth were delightful, including going from a small "John Deere" you had to crank to start, to a large one with a built in starter. Woods said, "I really felt like a big farmer then."

The Woods sold 220 acres of their farm to Caruso in 2003, paving the way for Symphony Village. They were asked by many in the area, "How could you sell it?" Woody admits he misses seeing the farm outside his kitchen window but he and Jean know they made the right decision and would do it

again. The many new neighbors "on the farm" that they have come to know confirm their decision.

The Symphony Village Clubhouse sits on the land where the original farm house was located. The Wood family lived there just long enough for their present home to be built. You can see their lovely brick home in the SW corner of our "village." The little brick house, used as the construction office on Taylor Mill Road, was built for their youngest son.

The pond behind Sonata Way was originally a small pond dug out by the Woods, filled with fish, providing food for the old blue heron that still

comes around, the geese, and a source of water for the deer.

While busy with farming and teaching, Jean and Woody raised three successful children and now love being grandparents to 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The Woods are wonderful historians on Centreville and Queen Anne's County, knowing so many individuals since they were children and now seeing them as Council Members and the like. You can meet Woody and Jean at one of our parties or most afternoons at the indoor pool.

Recipe of the Month

This recipe won First Place at the 2016 Great Centreville Cookie Contest

Maple Glazed Waffle Cake Cookies

2 sticks of softened butter
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
3 eggs
2 cups flour

For the glaze:

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup powdered sugar plus 5 Tablespoons real maple syrup

- Cream softened butter and sugar until fluffy.
- Add in cinnamon.
- Turn mixer to medium and add eggs
- Slowly mix in flour until well blended.
- Heat waffle iron to 400F degrees.
- Add about a tablespoon of dough to each section of the waffle iron.
- Bake for 2 to 4 minutes or until the cookies are golden brown.
- Let the cookies cool and crisp up on a wire rack.
- Mix glaze ingredients and dip cookies. Let cool.



UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

“An Overview of the History of Slavery and Segregation in Queen Anne’s County”



Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, Queen Anne’s County Historian, will present “An Overview of the History of Slavery and Segregation in Queen Anne’s County” on **Monday, June 19, 7 p.m.**, at the Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne’s County Library.

Thursdays in the Park: Wheelhouse



As part of [Free Summer Concerts](#), Queen Anne's County presents "Wheelhouse" on Lawyers Row in downtown Centreville on **Thursday, June 29**, 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for sale from local eateries. Bring blankets or chairs for seating.

8th Annual Bay Bridge Brawl Lacrosse Tournament



The [Bay Bridge Brawl](#) lacrosse tournament will take place on **June 30** (youth teams) and **July 1** (high school teams) at Queen Anne's County High School and White Marsh Park (200 Bloomfield Farm Lane) in Centreville. Games begin at 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. or 6 p.m.

20-Mule Team Coming to OAC



The iconic 20-Mule Team from Death Valley, California is coming to Queen Anne's County on **Sunday, July 2**, noon – 4 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. The mule team, which is an impressive combination of strength and finesse, consists of three giant wagons, pulled by a long line of 20 mules, driven by a single man using only voice commands and a jerk line. It will be an afternoon of family fun to learn about the history of the 20-Mule Team, see the mules and the wagons, and talk to the men and women,

known as muleskinners, who keep this tradition alive. This event is free. There will also be riding demonstrations showcasing the versatility and talent of the mule. Two world-champion mules will be ridden by Rebecca Evans, a mule rider and trainer, who will be demonstrating several disciplines, including western reining, English dressage, and hunt-seat style jumping. On Tuesday, July 4, the Mule Team will go to DC to participate in the 2017 Independence Day Parade.

Town of Centreville Fireworks Display and Activities



The Town of Centreville will host a Fireworks Display and Activities on **Sunday, July 2**, 6 – 10 p.m., at Queen Anne's County High School in Centreville. The event features free activities for children, music, food (\$), and a fireworks display at dusk.

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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