



By Betty McAtee

LIBRETTO

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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!



George & Juanda Rogers
834 Harmony Way

James and Patricia Niehus
119 Harmony Way

HOA

Village Sidewalk Repairs - *Pat Fox, HOA Board Secretary*

As some of you notice, over time, concrete sidewalk sections can shift or heave especially if lifted by underground tree roots. In the past, the HOA has completely replaced sidewalk sections that are a tripping hazard. However, there are new techniques that can do the job and are often less costly and less impactful than breaking out the concrete, reforming, and repouring a new slab. Two methods we are using in the Village are 1) Concrete shaving and 2) Installing poly material under the panels. Both are being done by Stabil Solutions of Chestertown; you may see their truck in the neighborhood. They actually have illustrations on the truck of how the poly is installed.

Concrete shaving can be successfully done if the heaving is minor. The top surface of the sidewalk edge is carefully ground away leveling the slab. It will look a little lighter and show some aggregate (stones)

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but it blends in over time. Chesapeake College and many other area property owners use this method where possible.

The really amazing method is the injection of the poly material through a drilled hole in the slab. This thick material spreads under the slab raising the collapsing edge. The operator then patches the 1/3 inch hole with concrete. Often they have to adjust several adjacent slabs to have a continuously level sidewalk. The end result is terrific, and it lasts for years. This is the predominant approach that Stabil is taking as many of the sidewalk panels have heaved too much to be ground down otherwise the structural nature of the panel can change and result in a crack.

While you will hear the drill making the entry hole for the poly pump, you won't have to listen to jackhammers tearing up the slabs.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS--SV HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Following the August HOA Board Meeting, the Board approved the appointments of Rich Ryan, Tom McManus, DeAnn Cheyne, and Dominick Mancinelli as members of this year's HOA Nominating Committee with Pat Fox as Board liaison.

This Nominations Committee is asking for Nominations for the SV HOA Board of Directors. Homeowners in good standing may apply for the three Board positions that will be open at year end. Official forms for Board nominations can be obtained at the front desk in the Clubhouse or printed out at "[Form for Board Nominations](#)." An alternative is to fill the form out online on the [Website](#). A Homeowner may nominate himself/herself or another homeowner to run for the positions that are being vacated. Nominations open on Friday, September 15, and close on Monday, October 2. At that time, the committee will verify with each nominee his/her desire to run for the position, and request a one-page typed resume from each candidate. These resumes will be published and made available to the residents at the front desk in the Clubhouse by Wednesday, October 25. Resumes will be also be available on the SV Website and will be included, along with a voting ballot and voting instructions, in a mailing

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to the community for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. The committee expects to host two "Meet the Candidates Forums" currently scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15.

Please carefully consider this request for nominations. It is to all our benefit to have active, considerate, and thoughtful members serving in these important positions.

The SV Nominating Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS



*Randy Officer, Chair; Susan Rayner, Vice-Chair and Secretary;
Mary Colling-Officer, Treasurer;*

We can now take a short break as Lifestyle just completed our busiest summer ever. So many fun events took place over the summer, and we have some awesome plans in place for the remainder of 2017. Keep up with all our events by reading the *Libretto*, monitoring our web page on the SV Home Page, looking at all the cool posters in the Wall Street room, and watching for posts on ECHOES or through the SV eBlasts. Football season kicks-off this week and Lifestyle has added some events around our two favorite local teams. What else can you look forward to experiencing? Read on...

Ice Cream Social: August 20 at the Clubhouse. The residents had a great time at the Lifestyle Ice Cream Social.



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- **Annapolis Trolley Tour – Saturday, September 23.** *See Activities Book at Clubhouse to sign up and pay in advance.*
- **Movie Night – Saturday, September 30, 7 p.m.,** Clubhouse, Feature: *The Big Sick*. This summer's #1 rated romantic comedy. Fresh popcorn available for \$2.
- **Happy Hour - Saturday, September 16 , 6 p.m.,** Clubhouse
- **Opus Cafe,** Thursdays through October (weather permitting), 9:15-10:30 a.m., poolside porch, Clubhouse. Hosts still needed.
- **Antique Roadshow – Saturday, September 30,** from 9 a.m.-noon - A chance to appraise your “treasures” before you sell them for just a buck at the Fall Yard Sale two weeks later! *See Activities Book in the Wall Street room for sign-up.*
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting – Monday, October 2'** at 7 p.m., Clubhouse.
- **Medicare (in plain English) Seminar – Wednesday October 11,** from 2-4 PM. FREE! *Please sign-up in the Activities Book*



- **Fall Yard Sale - Saturday, October 14**, Village wide. \$5 per house. *See Activities Book at Clubhouse to sign up and pay in advance.*
- **Flu Shots – Tuesday, September 19, 9 a.m.-noon & 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.** Please bring your Medicare or insurance ID with you.



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Annapolis Trolley Tour – Saturday, September 23

Join us on a trolley tour to explore the back streets, marinas, and points of interest in Annapolis: colonial seaport, state capital, county seat, sailing center, and home of the United States Naval Academy! The tour is fun and full of surprises. Discover Annapolis from a trolley - We'll travel down charming streets laid out over three centuries ago. Sights include:

- The City Dock
- The Maryland State House
- St. John's College
- Maryland WWII Memorial
- Handsome colonial mansions
- Beautiful Victorian homes
- Sailboats along the waterfront



Please sign-up in the Activities Book and pay in advance.

Breaking News!

Opus Cafe Continuing into the fall



You've spoken...we've listened. Opus Cafe is such a success, we plan to keep it going! Join your neighbors under the porch by the pool Thursday mornings 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. during September and October, weather permitting, for a casual breakfast and conversation. Recent visitors have noted it's a great way to start the day, while relaxing and meeting new friends. Come hungry, or simply have a cup of coffee or tea. Modest fee for food, determined by each week's menu.



Bottomless cup of coffee and tea, \$1. The Cafe is co-ed, drop-in when you're able, no reservations needed. Carol Hodges and Susan Rayner have been the gracious coordinators. Menu changes weekly per hosts. To keep Opus going, please call Carol or Susan to sign up to host or check the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. PS: Over 20 people attended the September 14 Opus. Thanks go to Mary Drake for providing such delicious brunch food.

Fall Yard Sale – Saturday, October 14, from 8 a.m.-noon. So many residents take advantage of this great opportunity to clean out their homes and make a little spending money at the same time. This particular Yard Sale takes on a special meaning as a few residents will be donating their sales to Valyra's daughter's enormous medical expense. Please sign up in the Activities Book. Payment is \$5 per house, payable in advance.

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 login.

Find the Lifestyle page on the [SV Website](#), login, and click on "Lifestyle" to view the calendar of upcoming events.

Happy Hour Kudos – First Friday & third Saturday of each month 6-8 p.m.

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 even select a theme, if you wish, which we will advertise. You greet people as

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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.

2017 Trips - Please see Activities Book for updated information on payment requirements.

Theatre Trip - New York, Friday, December 8

Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular Show
Trip includes bagel breakfast on bus, dinner on your own.
7 a.m. departure from SV. \$150 per person.

Coming soon...See Activities Book at Clubhouse for details, sponsored by Tours and More, LLC.

Theatre Trip, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., Saturday, December 9.

National Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert, a visit to the National Christmas tree and the Pathway of Peace.

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Events in the Planning Stage

- Brunch, December 10
- Holiday House Tour, December 17
- Billiards Tournament, 2018
- Holiday HH
- New Year's Eve Celebration

Labor Day Picnic

A great time was had by all at the Labor Day Picnic. A new feature at the picnic was the drawing of caricatures as shown below.

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OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, President

BINGO! We Have A Jackpot Winner!

Tom Meringolo won the \$275 jackpot at Bingo on September 8. He won on the 59th (last) number to be called in the jackpot game. Congratulations, Tom!

The next night of Bingo will be on **Friday, October 13, 7 p.m.**, and the jackpot will reset to \$50 with 50 numbers to be called in the jackpot game.



PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS –

Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

Request for Libretto Editor

There is a need for an additional editor for the *Libretto*. The only requirement is knowledge of Microsoft Word. Of course the person would not need to know everything. The committee works together to produce the newsletter, so the person would not be working on his/her own. Call Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591, for more information.



Welcome Night for New Residents

Join us to meet your neighbors and learn more about our Symphony Village Community. Enjoy some light refreshment.

Monday, September 25,
7 p.m.

Clubhouse Concert Hall

Sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse or RSVP to Eileen Rowley at eileen@rowley.org or call 703-946-1075.

Optional: Get your photo taken for the Resident Directory starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Craft Room.

Photographer Needed To Join The SV Publications Committee

The committee needs a photographer to occasionally take photos of our new residents (and residents desiring a new/replacement photo) for the SV Photo Directory. Please contact Carol Hodges (410-758-0591) or George Drake (410-758-8266) to join the committee or for further information.

ECHOES Emergency Contact

ECHOES now gives you the ability to enter your emergency contacts. When setting up the profile, there is a space for three emergency

contacts. Your neighbors won't see your contacts but will be able to message them. You will be included on any messages sent. Check it out.

ANNOUNCEMENT

RESIDENTS OF SYMPHONY VILLAGE

Sneakers 12th Silent Auction

Saturday, November 4, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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

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 still need gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, sporting or cultural event tickets, professional services or skills, vacation properties, fishing or sailing boat charters, and even your computer expertise to assist others. We are open to new ideas for auction as well.

The cutoff date for your donations is September 29.

You can now sign up and buy your tickets at the Clubhouse. There is a flowered print notebook at the Clubhouse where you can sign up to attend this special evening. Place one individual name on each line and then place your check in the black check collection box. Payment is due at time of sign up. Tickets will be delivered to you within a few days of payment.

We also will be selling tickets at Ladies Happy Hour on Thursday, September 28. Remember only 150 tickets can be sold, so please get your ticket now so you don't miss this evening of fun.

Next Meeting

Sneakers meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We always welcome new members.

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Lunch Bunch – Bea Trotta & Marge Strano

The October Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the **Yellow Fin Steak and Fish House** on Thursday, October 5, at 12:30 p.m. You can check the menu online; just click on [Yellow Fin Steak and Fish House](#) and look through menu choices and get additional information on the restaurant location on the South River at 2840 Solomon Islands Road, Edgewater, Maryland. In addition to the regular lunch menu, appetizers are also available. The restaurant is approximately two miles from the Towne



Center in Annapolis. So come to join us for lunch on the beautiful and scenic South River and then take the rest of the afternoon to shop or stroll the Harbor Center, the Towne Center, the Westfield Annapolis Mall, or some other favorite spot before heading home. If you are new to our SV community, feel free to call us for information. The Lunch Bunch is a great way to meet your neighbors.

Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and click on *Dashboard*. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch



Icon near the bottom of the page. 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. Sign up in only 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.

Bocce Banter - by Don Rizzo

Fall Bocce Season

August 26 is clear; blue sky provided a perfect background for outlining the F-16 fighter planes from Andrews AFB as they flew over the Symphony Village Bocce Courts punctuating the start of the Fall Bocce Season. The spectators, jostling for prime viewing positions of the much-anticipated upcoming action, barely left room for the lovely Dallas Cheerleaders as they made their entrance and pranced onto the courts strutting their stuff. The harried servers struggled to keep up with the stream of requests for the hot coffee and pastry they willingly delivered to the overflowing crowd. And, just as the team captains met at courtside for the customary coin toss, the often seen over Centreville crop dusting plane, now transformed into sky writing mode, swooped down and carefully spelled out the words “Bocce Rules” to the delight of the crowd. Yes, the Fall Bocce Season had finally arrived at Symphony Village!

But the scene was interrupted by a constant buzzing which annoyingly forced this delightful scene gradually out of focus. Alas, it was the alarm clock waking me into the reality that all this was merely a dream and it was time to get up. Well, what really came to pass was that it was Saturday, August 26, and it was the start of the Fall Bocce Season, and the captains did meet at courtside for the customary coin toss. The planes, the cheerleaders, the coffee, the crowds, and the sky writing? Well maybe next time!

What did occur on this beautiful fall day was that six enthusiastic teams did meet for the opening matches of the Fall Bocce Season. The action could be described as joyful and spirited; friendly yet braced with a slight

competitive edge. When the dust had settled and the scores tallied, no one team had been shut out in their three-game matches -- a testament to the equal skill level of the participants.

This was the first week of the six-week fall season and we have room on some of the teams for additional players; so, if you have any interest in joining in on the fun, please let your voice be heard. The league plays on Saturday mornings and prior bocce experience is not necessary. In fact, one team, made up completely of first-time players, is now tied for second place in the league.

Labor Day Bocce Tournament

Sunday, September 3, was a beautiful day for the traditional Labor Day Bocce Tournament held in conjunction with the community picnic. Once again, this event rightfully earned its tag as “the hottest ticket in town” as the spectators, who surrounded the overflowing bocce courts cheering on their favorites, were rewarded with hotly contested matches throughout the afternoon. The final match went down to the wire with the team of Jim Cooke, Karen Kram, and newcomer to bocce, Ken Shettle, wresting the final game 11-8 to the delight of the crowd. Congratulations to all who participated!



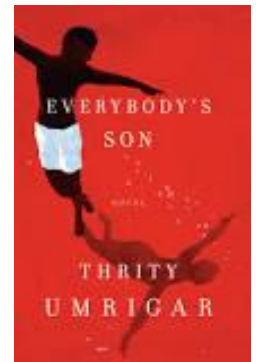
Open Bocce

Remember we have Open Bocce for everybody on Wednesday's at 6 p.m. at the courts where all are welcome and where you can learn more about it. Or, call Don Rizzo at 443-262-8192 for more information.

Let the Good Times Roll!!

Reading for Fun Book Club – by Jack Hennessey

The book that we reviewed at our August 15 meeting was *Everybody's Son* by Thrity Umrigar. The everybody referred to includes the adoptive parents, Delores and David Coleman, and Juanita, his drug addicted biological mother. The son is Anton, a biracial, abandoned kid. While Juanita is serving time in jail, the Colemans trick her into giving up custody of Anton. Anton is given the finest education and eventually graduates from Harvard Law School, while David is elected governor. Umrigar presents a story with great potential, one that forces you to examine your beliefs on issues such as race, class, child welfare, and the justice system as it relates to those issues. On a scale of 1 to 10, the novel received a rating of 7.9. The story is well presented, and keeps the reader looking for more!



The novel recommended for our October 17 meeting is *Churchill and Orwell*, by Thomas Ricks. The main characters are Winston Churchill (whom I consider the most outstanding person of the 20th century), and George Orwell (the author of *1984*). Ricks starts by presenting the childhood of both men. He then details how Orwell was involved in the Spanish revolution, while Churchill was the leader of the British in WWII. Both men worked tirelessly against the totalitarian threat to democracy. I learned that Churchill was essentially self-educated and rose from the lowest level of British society to become the Prime Minister during WWII. I recommend that all readers read a summary of Orwell's book for background prior to reading this month's selection. Incidentally, the book *The Circle*, which book club members previously read, exposes the same totalitarian threat as Orwell's book. Happy reading!



- by *George Drake*

CERT Conducts Drill – The CERT team conducted a drill on Saturday morning, August 6. The purpose of the drill was to check the operation of our Communications Tree (Telephone Chain) to notify our members, grab our CERT gear, and to deploy by a certain time. The initial call went out at 9 a.m. and by 9:30 a.m., 12 members assembled in the Clubhouse for possible deployment to a disaster location. Another 13 members notified us that they were out of town or had appointments.

During this practice drill, we checked our CERT equipment bags, went over basic procedures of team search and rescue, checked errors we made in the communications chain, and distributed communication radio transceivers and checked individual operation of them.

In 2017-2018, CERT leadership will be conducted by a Steering Committee. The purpose of this committee is to: Coordinate and Administer the SV CERT team; update the CERT Plan, CERT Communications Tree, Membership List, and Website; obtain an instructor to update members' certifications; plan and conduct periodic callouts and drills; plan team events to keep our team working together; advise SV of safety and preparedness information; and plan some fun team and spouse get-togethers. The committee will meet periodically and all current CERT members are encouraged to join Debi Wells, John Olson, and George Drake on this committee.

As of this writing, hurricane Irma is devastating some of the most beautiful islands this writer has ever visited. I am hoping that Irma decides to calm down and go out to sea and spare our area – don't really want to call out our CERT for a real emergency (but, we will be ready)! That being said, if she headed this way, I hope YOU were prepared!

The SV Emergency Plan has been updated and is available within the SV Website at the [CERT page](#).

There will not be a general meeting of CERT in September. CERT Training for new members will begin immediately. If you are interested, contact Debi Wells (443-262-8248) or George Drake (410-758-8266).

CERT Team Looking For A Few Good People.

If you have been wanting to get active in SV but haven't figured out how, consider joining the SV Community Emergency Response Team. We are here to prepare, protect, and assist our SV families, friends, and neighbors in the event of a minor or major disaster before official emergency personnel can arrive. Free classes in Disaster Prep, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical, Search and Rescue, and Terrorism are beginning NOW – contact Debi Wells to join or for info: 410-703-6702. To learn about our SV CERT, visit: [SV CERT](#).

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GAZEBO REPORT – by Jack Hennessey

Good news! The martin house has been cleaned and stored in the Gazebo, where it can withstand winds up to 35 mph, thanks to Dan Battista. We have not received approval through the normal channels to purchase additional Christmas lights, but Jack has bought enough new lights to make a great improvement over last year, and he will happily absorb the costs. The first Christmas sing-a-long will be held in the gazebo on December 3. So far, we have received 15 requests for songs, which we will print and pass out. The top request is for-what else--White Christmas. Since he has lost his tenor voice, Jack will play the CD “Christmas Peace,” which he wrote and recorded 40 years ago. The computer tracking system told me that the purple martins arrived in Argentina in September. They will be back next April!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Hallowe'en Fun is coming!



Once again we are looking forward to the Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party. It will be **Saturday, October 28 from 2 – 4 p.m.** at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 10 and under. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with 'trick or treating.'

Please sign up at the Clubhouse beginning Monday, September 18. The cost is \$6 per child. Grandparents must be in attendance. Deadline for sign up is Monday, October 23.

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

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

Second Annual Storytelling Festival – by George Drake

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to get your ticket for the 2nd Annual Storytelling Festival on SATURDAY, September 16. For full information about the storytellers, performance schedule, etc., see:

<http://www.chesapeakestorytelling.com> For tickets, contact George and Mary Drake at 410-758-8266 or buy your tickets the day of the PARTY! Stories, food, art, music – all day at Chesapeake College.



"Thank you for all your best wishes. My surgery went well and I sincerely appreciate all your cards and thoughtfulness."

Nancie Cameron

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Wednesday, September 20**, 6:30 – 8 p.m. [Trivia Night](#) (theme is Books) (pre-registration is required)
- **Sunday, September 24**, 2 – 4 p.m. [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (pre-registration is required)
- **Saturday, September 30**, 1 – 3 p.m. [Author Event - Rebekah Colburn](#) (pre-registration is required)
- **Wednesday, October 4**, 4 – 6 p.m. [K-B Market and Kitchen School Cooking Class](#) (pre-registration is required)
- **Friday, October 13**, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. [Movie](#): Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Men Tell No Tales
- **Saturday, October 14**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. [Take Home Craft Bags](#)

Fundraiser Booth at Lifestyle Fall Yard Sale - by Pat Fox & Ellen Reid



Many of you are aware that a family member of one of our residents needs very expensive surgery. A small committee is planning to host a booth during the Lifestyle Fall Yard Sale to raise funds to help with the expenses for Valyra Bacigalupi's daughter Alanna. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, from 8 a.m.-noon. This booth will be set up in the main parking lot at the Clubhouse.

We would like to start collecting items for sale right away so they can be priced and organized. Please contact Ellen Reid to pick up or drop off any donations to her. She can be reached at 443-262-8339.

We would appreciate good, clean, saleable items – toys; CDs/DVDs; home décor; art; sports equipment; kitchenware (no small appliances please unless in original box); small furniture (for larger furniture that would take two or more people to move please contact Ellen or Pat Fox at 443-262-8178 to discuss); books (maximum four per person and no textbooks!) etc. Please no clothes or shoes!

Thanks everyone! Neighbors helping neighbors is the Symphony Village way.

Ninth Annual Symphony Village Golf Tournament



Our ninth annual Symphony Village golf tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, at Blue Heron Golf Course. We will be playing the back nine holes. Tee time will be at 10 a.m. using a scramble "best ball" format.

The COST is \$20 per player and includes green fees, cart and awards. The awards will be presented at our luncheon at the Kentmoor Restaurant immediately following the tournament. Non playing spouses or guests are encouraged to attend. The Kentmoor once again will be allowing us to order from the menu and have separate checks.

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Please let either Rich Ryan ([410-758-2136](tel:410-758-2136)), or Carol Hodges ([443-735-0112](tel:443-735-0112)) know by September 30 if you plan to play. Spots are limited to the first 36 players who sign up and pay. You may form your own foursome or Carol and Rich will form teams. Checks may be made out to Blue Heron Golf Club or cash and given to Allan Levin, Carol or Rich. Hope you can join us for this fun filled event.

46th Annual Rotary Artisans Festival



The Centreville Rotary Club will host the [Artisans Festival](#) on **October 7** (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and **October 8** (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at a new venue – Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. There will be over 40 artisans (indoor and outdoor) displaying woodturning, pottery, jewelry, quilts, paintings, photography, fiber arts, and much more – perfect for gift giving! There will also be a DJ spinning tunes, DNR’s Scales and Tails, a Kid’s Corner, a Food Court (Paul Gunther’s Pit Beef, Melvin Shorter’s Fried Fish, Dobson’s Hot Dog Cart, and Amy Carroll’s Ice Cream Truck), and

displays by community organizations. The featured artist will be Chris Martin, 2017 Best in Show at the 47th Annual Ward World Championship. Free admission to the Festival.

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:



- Friday, September 15:** The Sons of the American Legion host a Shrimp, Crab Cake, and Soft Crab Dinner with sides
- Friday, September 22:** To Be Announced
- Friday, September 29:** To Be Announced
- Friday, October 6:** Stuffed Shrimp Dinner with sides
- Friday, October 13:** To Be Announced

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

Volunteer in Action—Meet a Neighbor: Jinny Guy – by Laura Rocco



“People will talk to each other in a civil manner, if we believe we are being heard.” This is how Jinny Guy describes what she’s learned as a mediator. For five years, Jinny has volunteered as a mediator with Community Mediation Upper Shore (CMUS). According to its website, its mission “is to provide accessible conflict resolution through mediation, education, and training in order to promote respectful resolution of conflicts and disputes throughout Queen Anne’s, Kent, and Cecil counties.”

Mediators listen to participants, clarify issues thus leading to solutions, and assist in writing up a mutually acceptable agreement. Mediators remain neutral, do not assign blame and do not force decisions.



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Some examples of disputes that can benefit from mediation include neighbor/neighbor; family; landlord/tenant; community associations/groups; and business/customer. District courts may refer people considering civil suits. Child custody and visitation plans may be determined through mediation. Schools use it with truants and their families.

Also, CMUS facilitation services are available to “businesses, organizations, and agencies to help them build stronger teams and work together more efficiently.”

Volunteer training requires 45 hours of training plus apprenticeship with experienced mediators. Even after becoming certified, Jinny says no one ever feels totally prepared to mediate. She typically volunteers once or twice a month.

The staff at CMUS notifies its volunteers of upcoming mediation sessions. Mediators select what types of situations they want to mediate. Two mediators are always present for the typical two-hour session. Mediation is free and held at a neutral location, such as libraries, business conference rooms, Chesapeake College, courthouses, and State’s Attorney’s offices.

Jinny finds satisfaction “seeing people shift gears. I might be demonstrating a more successful way to communicate than they’ve used in the past.”

For more information about volunteering or how mediation works, check out the CMUS website <http://www.cmusmediation.org> or call the office 410-810-9188.

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SEPTEMBER BEAUTIES – by Betty McAtee



Along with comfortably warm sunny days and cool clear nights, September brings the blossoms and berries of native garden perennials that show off those brilliant colors of yellow/gold, blue/purple, deep pinks, and reds, all energizing the mind, body, and spirit. Aside from providing natural beauty to behold, these plants are supportive hosts to a myriad of pollinators

(insects, birds, and even bats). Many pollinators migrate when cooler temperatures arrive, such as butterflies (Monarch), hummingbirds, some bees, and some bats. They depend on these nectar producing flowers for successful migratory travel.



Pictured are a few of the blooming/berry producing natives that beautify SV gardens and downtown Centreville, compliments of residents Laura and Alan Rocco, Joyce and Charles Anderson, Bob and Phyllis Hoffman, Betty and Lloyd McAtee, the Centreville Library rain garden, and the Torchio Architects building.



Saving the Day – by Joyce Ordun

Susan Rayner and I had just come back from the pool and were chatting in her driveway. I looked down and saw part of a very large snake coiled around the track for the garage door at its base. The body of it extended out of the garage and under the large urn at the top of her driveway. She gave it a shove and it didn't budge, but we were not willing to take that as a good sign of death. I called Animal Control and was told that they do not take care of wildlife. So, in the usual Symphony Way manner of managing situations, we called the neighbors to convene. Graciously, Tom Meringolo became Trapper Tom and removed the snake which we were grateful to learn was very dead. Hats off to him for once again saving the day!



UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Crab Feast Dinner



Our Mother of Sorrows will host an all-you-can-eat [Crab Feast Dinner](#) on **Saturday, September 16, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, in Corbaley Hall (301 Homewood Avenue) in Centreville. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door.

Corsica River Awareness Day



The Corsica River Conservancy will host [Corsica River Awareness Day](#) on **Sunday, September 17**, noon – 4 p.m., at the Corsica River Yacht Club (589 Conquest Road) in Centreville. Family activities include free kayaking and canoeing, a fishing derby, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin art, a live bluegrass band, and food vendors. No admission charge.

Fundraiser: Dinner Out at Doc's Riverside Grille



[Dinner Out at Doc's Riverside Grille](#) will be held on **Monday, September 18**, 4 – 11:30 p.m., at Doc's Riverside Grille (511 Chesterfield Avenue) in Centreville. This is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library. Doc's will donate 10% of its proceeds that evening to the Friends. Funds will be used to support the Friends' efforts to enhance library programs and services in QAC. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-758-1707.

American Legion Riders' Oktoberfest



Legion Riders from American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville will host Oktoberfest on **Saturday, September 23**, 1 – 6 p.m. The day will feature a bike show, a car show, a silent auction, food, beverages, and more. Everyone is welcome! The music of the Sons of Pirates with Frank McCleary, Jell Mullin, Dan Reaves, and Glenn Workman will be featured. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 11 and under).

Bay to Table Dinner Fundraiser



The [Bay to Table Dinner](#) will be held on **Saturday, September 30**, 4 – 8 p.m. at Possum Point Farm (220 Possum Point Farm) in Centreville to benefit Compass Regional Hospice's Hope and Healing Center and Camp New Dawn. The menu consists of the Chesapeake Bay's finest tastes. The \$100 ticket price includes dinner, beer, and wine. Chesapeake Sons will perform their popular, high-energy harmonies. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Seating for the Bay to Table dinner is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Kenda Leager, 443-262-4106, kleager@compassregionalhospice.org.

Windows of the Past Art Auction



Chesapeake Cats and Dogs will host [Windows of the Past Art Auction](#) on **Saturday, October 7**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Queen Anne's County Center for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. This exclusive event will feature a live auction of window art created by local artists. The windows were taken from the 100-year-old farmhouse that has been transformed into the first phase of Chesapeake Cats & Dogs' Tree of Life Pet Sanctuary. These Windows of the Past will enable CCAD to move forward into the future. In addition to the live auction, enjoy refreshments, wine, beer, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company (212 Broadway) in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on **Sunday, October 15**, 7:30 – 11 a.m., at the fire hall. The cost is \$8 per person. Breakfasts will take place the third Sunday of every month through May 2018.

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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