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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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



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146 Sonata Way

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303 Symphony Way

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118 Concerto

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216 Harmony Way

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114 Concerto

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Symphony Village HOA Board of Directors

April Meeting Voting Summary - Pat Fox, Vice President

- ❖ **Concert Hall Rental Agreement:** Approved the revised Concert Hall Lease Agreement which now includes requiring an insurance rider for no less than \$1,000,000 in general liability naming Symphony Village as additional insured and a requirement to pay for a staff person to be present during the event to assist with any building or room issues at a fee of \$25/hour. The rental fee of \$250 remains the same, and the resident will have a much larger room in which to hold their event.
- ❖ **Outdoor Fans:** Approved the proposal from Garrett German & Sons for \$1,150 to install two outdoor fans in the patio area outside the existing ballroom.
- ❖ **Fitness Rooms/Restroom Repairs:** Approved up to \$6,000 for Ray Painting to do the following work: remove all wallpaper in the locker rooms and restrooms, paint restrooms, drywall repair in women's locker room, drywall repair and paint in the fitness center, and replacement of door kick plates.
- ❖ **Indoor Pool:** Approved purchasing additional screens for the sliding doors for \$257.

- ❖ **CD Rollover:** Approved rollover of a \$150,000 CD at Provident Bank into a CD at Revere Bank (paying 2.2% for 1 year).
- ❖ **Putting Green:** Approved tabling the decision to remove the **putting green** and having the Operations Committee review the options and costs to repair it.

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The Document Review Committee (DRC) continues to meet monthly and welcomes your input. Topics we are discussing include HOA Board of Directors term limits, an external audit requirement, publication of election vote tallies, and an adjustment in the loss of voting privilege due to delinquency in (HOA dues) payment. We are also discussing whether the next highest vote count in an election should automatically fill a future vacancy, adding a requirement and verbiage for the HOA Board of Directors to represent majority interest of the community with respect to homeowner's value (such as claims against the developer for defects and dealing with county, town, or third parties whose plans may affect the collective interest of homeowners) and more.

Please come to any 1 p.m., second Wednesday of the month meeting (next meeting is June 13) or send your comments and suggestions to skormmeyer@msn.com.



*Mary Jo Volpicelli, Chair; Mary Jo Keefe, Vice-Chair;
 Joe Sikes, Secretary; Zina Lichaa, Treasurer; Tony Loiacono,
 Correspondent*

“April is the cruelest month,” as the opening line of T.S. Eliot’s seminal poem, *The Waste Land*, proclaimed in 1922. These words came home to roost for us in April 2018. Not only were we overwhelmed by the weather and the lack of a real start to spring, but we also had to endure our annual dues settlement with the IRS. Nonetheless, the Lifestyle Committee and the good people of Symphony Village remained undaunted as they applied one of the prime axioms of the Roman Empire, *improvidus, apto, quod victum* or *improvise, adapt, and overcome*. The resultant product was two wonderful Happy Hours: April 6, hosted by CERT and Debi Wells, and April 21, hosted by Debbie and Gary Greenwald. We thank Carolyn Harty and Zina Lichaa for their hard-working hosts for the usual wonderful level of care and planning that was exercised by them in making these parties a success.

A special party was held on April 12 in honor of Joan and Jack Hennessey to bid them farewell and thank them as they turn the page to the next chapter in their lives. Joan and Jack had been here for almost fifteen years and truly added so much to helping make Symphony Village what it is today. Zina Lichaa and her stellar crew put on a party of elegance and accomplishment, marked by wonderful decorations and highlighted by one of Zina’s trademark nonpareil cakes. The Hennesseys were accommodated with two special chairs in which to enjoy the festivities, and they were presented

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with a special photo album commemorating their years here. They truly will be missed.

Saturday, April 28, saw a bright, sunny day dawn on Symphony Village; and along with it, the opening of the newest edition of the spring Yard Sale. If you were out early, you found people coming into the Village at 7:30 a.m.; and they came in record numbers for the remainder of the sale. A record was also achieved in the number of participants, thirty-seven! All of this was achieved through the vision, diligence, and hard work of Susan Rayner. We thank her for this and look forward to an even bigger and better yard sale in the fall.

Carolyn Harty, Zina Lichaa, and their hosts, Nancy and Bill Paschak, Jessie Gibson and Ron Peterson, and Ellen and Bill Leavy, were at it again on May 4 with a Happy Hour themed around Cinco de Mayo. This heavily attended party was treated to a sprinkling of false moustaches, some serapes, and many Mexican delights and flavors, all of which were augmented by Carolyn's Margaritas. Yummy! If you missed this one, you missed a very special treat.



The advertisement features a green heart logo with a house icon inside. Below the logo, the text reads: "At Home with Laura", "Customized, affordable assistance in and around your home.", "Laura Bittinger, RN,BS", "homewithlaura@gmail.com", and "401-932-5770". A list of services follows: "Home management and chores", "Organizing and Downsizing", "Companion Services", "Assistance with healthcare appointments", "Medication Reminders", "Shopping", "Meal planning and preparation", "Respite care", and "We love pets too!".

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Saturday, May 19, Happy Hour Preakness Party - Susan Rayner

Whether you are coming for the Symphony Village Horse Race (4 p.m. at the Clubhouse entrance) or just attending the Preakness Happy Hour, it is time to get out your Preakness hats.

The Lifestyle Committee will be awarding prizes for the best homemade hat or *fascinator*. This is a Maryland tradition that we want to begin celebrating here in the Village. We have a few *fascinator* makers who live here, just ask around. We expect to see a lot of ribbons and bows, flowers, and flags. Men are included.

Sunday, May 27, Memorial Day Picnic

Please note that the Memorial Day Picnic will not be catered. You are encouraged to use the Clubhouse, pools, and other facilities, and bring your own picnic treats, if desired. Please join us and come celebrate with your neighbors and friends to enjoy the holiday. Your cooperation and understanding concerning this is greatly appreciated. The bar will be open.

We are looking forward to a catered picnic on July 4.

Friday, June 1, Happy Hour

A surprise Happy Hour that you won't want to miss. Promise!

Friday, June 8, Reception

A reception and panel discussion will be hosted by BB&T. This will encompass a range of financial topics of interest to people in the 55+age category. Another don't miss event.



The advertisement includes the U-Haul logo and the text: "Anita Gruss, Manager", "CENTREVILLE SELF STORAGE", "443-496-5088", "410-827-6750 Fax", "131 Carville Price Road, Centreville, MD 21617", and "centrevilles@atlanticbb.net".

Saturday, June 23 Happy Hour

Come join us for more good food and socialization.

A Word From Our Health & Wellness Division

Grilling season is going into full swing now and warnings have been renewed from the NIH that cooking and grilling meat, poultry, and fish at high temperatures for long periods of time can be dangerous to your health and promote cancer. Grilling meats, in particular, to well done states causes fat, protein, and sugar molecules to fuse together, making them difficult to cut, chew, and digest. Cooking meats at high temperatures for long periods toughens the meat, destroys the nutrients, and creates carcinogens. Your best bet is to use a meat thermometer and shoot for (if you have to) medium-well and never well done.

A Parting Thought Until Next Time...

I do the best I can to look upon life with optimism and hope and looking forward to a better day. Rosa Parks

Outreach – *Bea Trotta, President*

Artisans' Fair—Saturday, September 22 - Looking for SV Artisans!

Save the date for a wonderful day spending time with your neighborhood artisans as well as local artisans *in the field*.

The Artisans' Fair will happen, rain or shine, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday, September 22**.



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Outreach's 7th Artisans' Fair
Saturday, September 22, 2018
Still Looking for Artisans to Participate!
Contact Loretta (410-758-6775) or
Linda (410-758-3194)

UPDATE

Look for the Outreach BINGO Night to return in September!



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

Signing Up for eBlasts

Some residents claim that they are not receiving eBlasts. Therefore, they are not aware of when the mowing is happening, when the Clubhouse is closed, or when there is a special meeting, etc.

To receive an eBlast, please go to the Directory page of the SV Website and fill out the Subscription Form for eBlasts. If you do not know the required username and password, please call Rebecca or ask a neighbor for that information.

eBlasts Archive

There is an archive of all eBlasts sent that can be accessed to find out if there was an eBlast that you may have accidentally deleted or maybe never received. Go to the Directory page of the SV Website and at the bottom you will see eBlast Archives. This too will require the username and password.

New FAQ and New FAQ Icon

A New FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) has been created to include much more information about Symphony Village, its activities, and its operation. A new Dashboard icon has been created. The icon at the right will take you to an index of FAQ subjects including:



- Governance/Board/Committees
- Budget & Finance
- Clubhouse, Facilities Management, and Operations
- Landscape, Irrigation, and Trees
- Publications & Communications
- Residences; Lifestyle and other Activities
- Covenants and Architectural Guidelines
- Emergencies, Community Service Groups, and Activities
- Computer and Home Help/Tips
- Expansion Project

Select any of these index topics and you will be taken to a new page with many questions and answers related to that subject. Many answers will have links (blue text) that will take you to even more information, if desired. You will also be given the opportunity to submit new questions online that might not be answered. Response will not be immediate, but they will be addressed. The link to the new FAQ is: <https://svcentreville.squarespace.com/faqs-index>. The new FAQ can also be reached from the site menu.

Sneakers – Linda Farrar, President;
Correspondent, Bea Trotta

November Fundraiser

On **Saturday, November 3**, Sneakers will host its annual fundraiser at the Clubhouse. Please save the date and look for more information in the upcoming months.

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Book Giveaway Program

The Centreville Elementary School spring book giveaway is scheduled for **Monday, May 21**. The sign-up sheet is in the sign-up book at the Clubhouse. If you can spare a bit of time, we welcome your participation in this most worthwhile program.

Next Meeting

Sneakers next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 30**, at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We always welcome new members.

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CLUBS AND CLASSES

BOOK CLUB – April 2018 Review - Joe Sikes


The Symphony Village Book Club held a spirited meeting on April 17 to review *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8* by Naoki Higashida. Members present were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Lee Ettman, Pat Loiacono, Mary Jo Volpicelli, and Mary Colling-Officer. Peggy Decker voted by proxy.

Naoki Higashida was born in Kimitsu, Japan, in 1992. Diagnosed with severe autism when he was five, he subsequently learned to communicate using a handmade alphabet grid and began to write poems and short stories. This book follows his first book, *The Reason I Jump*, which he wrote at the age of thirteen. He offers profound insight into autism and specifically his extreme non-verbal variety.

The group found his insights extremely interesting and applicable to people dealing with the whole spectrum of autism from severe to mild. As we continued the discussion, the group was able to apply the author's insights to many other social interactions beyond autism. Bob Nilsson, for example, recognized similarities with the struggles faced by wounded warriors suffering from traumatic brain injury and PTSD.

I was struck by one simple example related by the author when he was offered a reward for completing a task in school. The students were allowed to pick a *well-done* sticker to attach to their work and the stickers came in the form of different animals. While intended to be a reward, for the author the open-ended choice was just another difficult task. He eventually picked a *panda* sticker just to be done with the task. His teachers mistakenly assumed pandas were his favorite animal. It wasn't until years later that his communication skills progressed and allowed him to explain that his choice did not express a preference but simply completed a task.

The challenge of communication can be daunting even for those who don't face the severe limitations of the



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author. His ability to overcome his condition and express himself with such clarity and depth can be an inspiration for us all.

The group rated the book at 7.6 on our ten-point scale, which is above the historic average. (The score was 7.56 but I rounded it off ... in case Jack Hennessey reads this). The group commented that this was not a book that many of us would have picked out on our own. We are grateful to Lee Ettman for recommending it.

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming books we plan to review are listed below:

May 15 - *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towle

June 19 - *The Watson Girl* by Leslie Wolfe

Social Singles Is Planning an Exciting Spring and Fall Here at Symphony - Carol Donnelly

Our big adventure is called *Fall Colors, Scenic Trains, and Martha's Vineyard by Vacations by Rail*. This trip is an escorted nine-day tour through New England in October of 2018. We chose the **October 6** date for the trip. Currently, four of us made reservations and paid our deposits. The trip costs \$2,279 and is fully escorted. Highlights are a train ride on the Historic Conway Railway, a Scenic Cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee, Martha's Vineyard, Mystic Seaport, and tours of Boston and more. Fly to and from Boston via Jet Blue: Email Eric@vacationsbyrail.com or carol.m.donnelly@gmail.com for information. Search: **Vacations by Rail** online for complete itinerary.

Local adventures in the planning stages:

- Tangier Island Day Trip: **Thursday, June 14**, \$87 per person - Queen Anne's County Department of Community Services
- Mamma Mia, Toby's Dinner Theatre, Columbia, Maryland: **Wednesday, July 25**, Cost: \$124.25 per person

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 13, at the Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. After our meeting, we will go to the Crab Deck for lunch! Come and join us and have some fun this season. Sign-up sheets will be in Clubhouse this week. Everyone is welcome...

Bocce Banter – Don Rizzo

Welcome To Open Bocce On Wednesdays

Now that the weather is starting to break, it is time to take some time for yourself outdoors and join some of the other bocce enthusiasts at the bocce courts on Wednesday evenings. We get together at 6 p.m. for a little friendly bocce play. If you have never played before, your fellow Villagers will be happy to introduce you to the sport. It's easy to play and fun to interact with your neighbors. Balls are provided so you need only bring your good nature and your favorite BYOB if you so choose.

History of Bocce

Since bocce may be new to you, perhaps a little background about the game might help. Many think that bocce is an Italian originated sport. However, the game that we know today as bocce was, in fact, created 3,000 years before the Roman Empire. The story goes that two local lads, Eccob and Resol, were strolling over the landscape grunting just as teenagers today grunt to one another to pass the time away. Suddenly, Eccob bent over, picked up a stone of reddish color and, pointing to a small white rock about 10 asp lengths away, said to Resol. "I bet I can hit that white rock with this stone." "No way," said Resol. Whereupon,

Eccob flung his red stone landing it just short of his target. “Ha, ha” said Resol “you throw like a slave girl.” “If you’re so smart Mr. Smarty Robe” (for they had no pants then), Eccob replied, “let’s see what you can do.”

Resol searched for a stone of a different color and finally found a moss-stained stone of greenish hue. Picking it up, he aimed and, because the moss was slippery, it left his hand earlier than he planned and it rolled on the ground toward the rock. It rolled and rolled, and finally it, too, stopped short of the white rock. However, it was a little closer than Eccob’s red stone and Resol was quick to point that out to his friend. “Well that wasn’t fair,” countered Eccob, “you rolled your stone. I could have gotten closer if I had rolled mine as you did.” “Well go ahead,” replied Resol, “and I’ll even give you four more tries for a total of five tries since you’re five full moons older than I.” As hard as he tried, Eccob could not find four more reddish stones to his liking; but he did find three. He discovered that, by rolling the stones rather than lobbing them in the air, he was able to get each of his three red stones closer to the white rock than Resol’s green stone. “Take that you goat head,” taunted Eccob. “Well, that’s not fair, you threw four and I only threw one,” whined Resol as he was wont to do when his buddy got the upper hand which he usually did in such matters. “Find three more of your stupid green stones and try to get closer but hurry because we have to meet Shamash and Narmar at the new cave club before the sun goes down.” Frantically, Resol found three stones and rolled them as best he could. But the pressure got to him, plus he couldn’t overcome the fact that Eccob’s stones were blocking his stones path to the white rock. “Let’s try again,” he pleaded. “We can’t since the girls will be waiting for us to drag them to the new cave in time to catch *happy hour*” Eccob replied.

And so they left the game with Eccob leading by a score of three to nothing. But they were to continue the game in days to come and in time introduced it to the other tribe members. And it grew throughout the land and was called Eccob’s game that eventually was changed to Bocce (Eccob spelled backwards). Using the same rationale, Resol was forever to be known as *Loser*. ***And that’s the truth!***

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Bowling -Willie DiLaura

When was the last time you went bowling?

Every Tuesday, a small group of Villagers revisit their teenage years at Severna Park Bowling Lanes. We meet at the Clubhouse at noon to form a carpool and we return by 3 p.m. Ten dollars is the cost for two games, shoe rental, your choice of pizza or a hot dog, and a soft drink—not to mention a lot of laughs and a few moans. If you haven't bowled duckpins before, it is challenging. Give it a try!

If you like to join us, contact Jim Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Willie DiLaura, 443-262-8062 or just meet us in the parking lot on Tuesday at noon.



- Nancie Cameron

The next *Dining In* event is scheduled for **Sunday, June 20, at 6 p.m.** Please remember to sign up in the **Club Activities Book** at the **Clubhouse**. Please be sure to indicate what it is that you plan to contribute—desserts, salads, and appetizers—whatever suits your fancy! The Host will provide the main dish.

Ladies Happy Hour – Nancie Cameron

Ladies Happy Hour will be held on **Thursday, May 24, at 5:30 p.m.** The cost is \$5 for the meal. The drink of the day is \$1. Other beverages are priced as marked.

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Lunch Bunch - *Bea Trotta & Marge Strano*

The June Lunch Bunch is scheduled for The Narrows Restaurant at 3023 Narrows Way S in Grasonville on **Thursday, June 7, at 12:30 p.m.** The Narrows has been a favorite location for the Lunch Bunch over the years. So, plan to join us once again and enjoy the opportunity for a delicious lunch, good company, and a beautiful water view.



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 Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question, need directions, or need a ride.

SV Tennis – *Larry Miller*

Tennis weather has finally arrived, and it is time to be back on the courts; they are usually available. Please help identify residents interested in tennis, especially those new to Symphony Village. See you on the courts.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Motown Village Cruisers Attend Hubcaps 50's and 60's Dance Featuring Poodle Skirts– *Debi Wells*

Fifty-four villagers attended a Hubcaps (50's and 60's music) dance on April 21. It was a great evening of music and dance hosted by the Kent Island Lions Club at the American Legion in Stevensville. The venue was especially enjoyable since we could hear the music quite well and still be able to talk.

The fundraiser event was supported by the Lions Club, and specifically earmarked to train and purchase service dogs for the blind.

The Lions Club representative who introduced the Hubcaps also introduced his grandson to speak. He was a good-looking, 12-year old who let us know he was blind (many of us were surprised). He let us know he was hoping to have a service dog one day. So, even though we have season tickets to the Ravens football games, we definitely purchased lots of chances to win seats for a future Ravens game, as did all who attended at our Symphony Village tables.



We owe a special *Thank You* to Amy Landen and Linda Butler for making a lot of unique and beautiful poodle skirts for female villagers attending. The skirts also added to the evening's enjoyment -- for all who *wore* them and for all who *watched* them!

CERT Prepares for the 2018 Hurricane Season

- John Olson, SV CERT Coordinator

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) can, and do, improve their neighborhood's ability to protect against, respond to, and recover from disasters. Did you know that CERT programs could have a national impact, too?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) leads national-level exercises every two years. National Level Exercise (NLE) 2018 will examine the ability of all levels of government, private industry, and nongovernmental organizations to protect against, respond to, and recover from a major Mid-Atlantic hurricane. The scenario involves a major hurricane that makes landfall near Hampton Roads, Virginia, causing severe damage to residences, businesses, and critical infrastructure throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria last fall reinforced our need to prepare for hurricanes, and NLE 2018 provides a well-timed opportunity to apply lessons from those storms before the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, which begins on June 1.

The Symphony Village CERT is actively taking part in NLE 2018 by examining our readiness for hurricanes and other disasters and developing a Symphony Village Hurricane Emergency Plan. Help spread the word to your family, coworkers, and neighbors. Here are some ways you can get involved and prepare:

Get Alerts and Warnings

Receiving timely information about adverse weather or other emergency events can make all the difference in knowing when to act to be safe.

Download the FEMA App to learn what to do before, during, and after emergencies, and receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Create and Test a Family Communication Plan

Make a plan today. It is important to understand which types of disasters could affect your area. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how you will communicate and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that is familiar and easy to find.

Get started on your plan at www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

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Consider taking a CERT training or refresher course offered in your community.

More Information

Additional information can be found on the Symphony Village CERT website at <http://sv-info.org/cert-files/index.html>.



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The Armchair Astronomer - Larry Rayner

Continuing our Celestial Sphere or Where in the Sky is that?

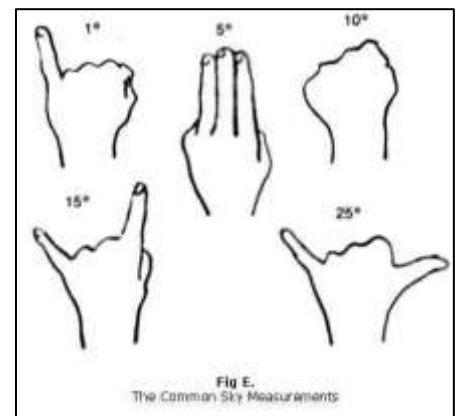
You know in the past I've said look to the north, northeast, about 40 degrees to find the constellation Cassiopeia, well exactly how do you know where is north, northeast and how do you tell the degrees. A compass can find north for you, but Polaris is your True North, as we discussed before. Once you have north, northeast is easy because we can picture our Celestial Sphere.

We know there are 360 degrees in a circle. We know the Cardinal Points of North and South are on the horizon, at 180 degrees apart, half the distance of the circle. We know the Zenith is directly overhead, 90 degrees, now let's find the Angular Separation of any point in the sky.

Half the distance from the Horizon and the Zenith is 45 degrees, that is the easy part. I'm going to let *Cosmic Pursuits* explain just how easy it is to find smaller degrees than 45.

Your hands and fingers are remarkably accurate in measuring degrees.

- ✓ Stretch your thumb and little finger as far from each other as you can. The span from tip to tip is about 25 degrees.
- ✓ Do the same with your index finger and little finger. The span is 15 degrees.
- ✓ Clench your fist at arm's length and hold it with the back of your hand facing you. The width is 10 degrees.
- ✓ Hold your three middle fingers together; they span about 5 degrees.
- ✓ The width of your little finger at arm's length is 1 about degree.



That is the end of our first Astronomy Lesson, The Night Sky. Now for more fun viewing this month we are in for a treat.

All of the major planets are on display between May and July. These include: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus. During this time period, they will all be closest to the earth for the year. Jupiter, in the night sky, is brilliant this month as it is only out shown by the Moon and Venus. It is the brightest star in the southeastern sky and can be seen with the naked eye or binoculars. If you remember, last June we viewed Jupiter with my telescope and we were able to see four of its moons. Venus, looking west, about an hour after sunset will be visible, just to the right of the moon, approximately 20 degrees above the horizon, on May 17. On May 15, at midnight, look for Saturn in the southeast, on the Elliptic (the path the Sun took in the day). Saturn will take center stage during the month of June. In the morning sky, Mars will appear in the south as a red star. It is now the closest to Earth in 15 years. *Happy Star Gazing!!*

Neighborhood News

Spring Has Sprung, the Flowers and Trees are Blooming!!



This message is designed to encourage our neighbors with electrical boxes on their property to paint and plant some shrubs to make the curb appeal more appealing!!

Symphony Village is a beautiful place to live!! As the community gets older we need to keep our appearances as lovely as the day we moved in. Please take the time to paint and plant some shrubs around your Electrical Boxes.

Note that Delmarva could tear up plantings if the box requires repairs.

Thanks from your appreciative neighbors!!

Here are some ideas from residents that have already planted.



Happy Spring! □□



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The Queen Anne's County Garden Club

The Queen Anne's County Garden Club is hosting its Annual Flower Show on June 6, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville. Many of our residents are members and will be making arrangements and showing off their extraordinary plants. Medals for Best in Show are awarded in the morning; come in the afternoon to see all of the displays. This year's theme is the Bee: *Queen Bees, Spelling Bees, and Wanna Bees*. We all know that the Bee is in trouble, their numbers are falling and without bees, well, where would we be? Imagine a place filled with gardeners ready to answer your questions about plants grown right here on the Eastern Shore; a treasure trove of knowledge at our finger tips. Admission is free. Features include an extensive display of award winning horticulture and floral designs incorporating a wide range of creativity and sheer beauty by some of the area's top floral designers. In addition, there are educational components including a Beekeeper Demonstration, a Creepy Crawler Organic Children's Garden, an exhibit honoring our Veterans, on the Anniversary of *D Day*, and a showcase on how to create a Bee-Friendly Space for a season full of blooms. If you have any questions about the show you can contact Courtney Pilgrim at courtneyp7799@gmail.com.

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4th Annual Flags for Heroes



The Centreville Rotary Club will once again sponsor Flags for Heroes during **Memorial Day Weekend** (May 24-28). Flags will be on display on the grounds of Chesapeake College. To sponsor a flag in honor of a hero, go to [Flags for Heroes](#), print out the form, complete it, and mail as indicated. Each sponsored flag is \$50. **Or** - Bob Hardy is our SV contact for the Centreville Rotary Club. You can take the contribution to him as well (410-758-0248).

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, May 18: To Be Announced
Friday, May 25: Sons of American Legion host a dinner of ½ pound Steamed Shrimp, One Crab Cake, French Fries, Vegetable, and Dessert - \$18
(The Legion takes a break over the summer and will resume dinners in September.)
- The Legion will host a **Flea Market** on **Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Should it rain, the event will be moved indoors, same date. There will also be a free shredding service at the event.



Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

There were 15 organizations at the Mid-Eastern Shore Counties Volunteer Fair in April. Should you want more information from/about any of them, please go to their website:

Camp Pecometh	www.pecometh.org
Candle Light Cove	www.integracare.com/candle-light-cove
Character Counts	www.growinguppositive.org
Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center	www.bayrestoration.org
Chesapeake Cats and Dogs	www.chesapeakecatsanddogs.org
Compass Regional Hospice	www.compassregionalhospice.org
Crossroads Community	www.ccinonline.com
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay	www.gscb.org
Haven Ministries	www.Haven-Ministries.org
Kent Center, Inc.	www.kentcenter.org
Pets on Wheels of Delmarva	www.petsonwheelsofdelmarvainc.org
Storytime on Wheels	www.qaclibrary.org/connect-with-us/support/volunteer
Talbot County Commission on Aging	www.talbotcountymd.gov
Talbot Special Riders	www.talbotpecialriders.com
Talisman Therapeutic Riding	www.talismantherapeuticriding.org

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

Saturday, May 19, 3 – 4 p.m. - [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (Pre-register on the website)

Thursday, June 7, 7 – 9 p.m. - [Trivia Night](#)

Wednesday, June 13, 5:15 -7:15 p.m. - [Mandala Rock Painting](#) (Pre-register on the website)

Museum of Eastern Shore Life



The Museum of Eastern Shore Life has opened for the summer season, and this year it is featuring a collection of WWII memorabilia including military uniforms, rifles, photographs, patriotic posters, and much more. The WWII exhibit sits among the Museum's collection of historical farm-related items from the past. The Museum is open the first Saturday of the month, May – November, 1 – 4 p.m., and it is located on the grounds of the 4-H Park in Centreville (126 Dulin Clark Road). Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Open House at Historic Centreville Sites



Historic Wright's Chance (119 S. Commerce Street) and Tucker House (124 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville will be open for touring on the **first Saturday** of the month, **May – October, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company (212 Broadway) in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, **May 20**, 7:30 – 11 a.m., at the fire hall. The cost is \$9 per person. This is the last breakfast before taking the summer off.

Save the Date: Drink Maryland – A Maryland Makers Festival



Drink Maryland will take place on **Saturday, June 16, noon – 5 p.m.**, on Lawyer's Row in Centreville. It will be a celebration of local wine, cider, beer, and spirits as well as artisans, live music, and food. Details will be posted to the website closer to June 16.

Upcoming Town Meetings & Events

- May 16, 2018** Centreville Planning Commission Meeting - Liberty Bldg. - 7 p.m.
- May 17, 2018** Centreville Town Council FY2019 Budget Public Hearing - Liberty Bldg. - 7:05 p.m.
- May 17, 2018** Centreville Town Council Constant Yield Public Hearing - Liberty Bldg. - 7:05 p.m.
- May 17, 2018** Centreville Town Council Meeting – Liberty Bldg. – 7 p.m.
- May 22, 2018** Centreville Economic Development Authority Meeting - Centreville Wharf Bldg. - 12 noon
- July 1, 2018** Family Fun Event and Fireworks! Beginning at 6 p.m.

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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