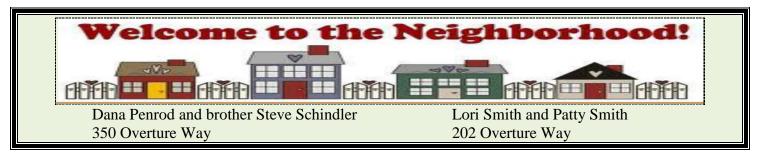


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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.



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Letter from Dave Peterson, President

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Symphony Village at Centreville and our Bylaws establish the basis for the Symphony Village at Centreville Architectural Guidelines (dated January 2016), which are the basis for exterior modifications and what is allowed and how the process works. The first two documents require a 60% vote of the community to change anything and the third document (guidelines) can be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Declaration of Covenants covers the rules for the current enforcement action.

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You need to be aware that prior to when the developer finished developing the community, he discouraged any actions against residents that in his mind would have affected sales. Consequently, starting this spring, for the first time, each home was inspected by staff to identify deficiencies. **It has been a learning process for all**

involved and was necessary for the well-being of the community, so as a result the future process will be smoother with changes made where necessary. Many residents objected to having deficiencies identified, even though they had not taken any actions to keep their house presentable in ten+ years. The letter that was sent out established a 21-day period to take care of the deficiency **and clearly stated that reasonable time extensions would be granted, but** objections would have been voiced even if it was 30 or 45 days.

All actions that have been taken have been to preserve the integrity of the community and to assure that the values of all our homes are not adversely affected. Management and the Board would not have been performing their jobs and duties to have done anything less.

As always, in a community of 395 homes, there will be rumors that circulate that are not based on any facts and need to be taken with a grain of salt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LANDSCAPE, IRRIGATION, and TREE COMMITTEE – Tom McManus, Chair; Michael Norris, Vice-Chair

Got Bagworms? - Bill Wells, Landscape Committee's Tree Team

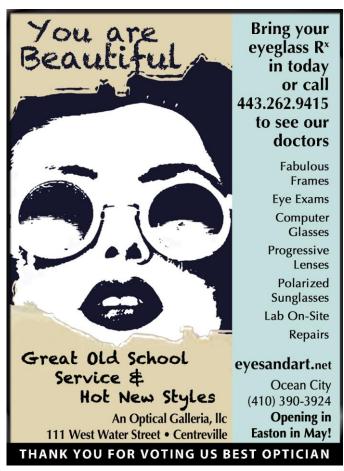
Well, it's that time of year when the sycamore and tulip trees begin to lose their leaves, blue spruces and Norway spruces produce their pinecones, and the Chinese elms produce copious amounts of small winged seeds. Yes, it'll be fall soon!



It is also a time for the bagworms to become noticeable. They love most arborvitae and will also eat cryptomeria, maple, boxelder, willow, black locust, poplar, oak, apple, cherry, and just about any other tree or plant with green (tasty) leaves. For

this reason, it's important this insect's activity is noted and confronted!

You can tell if your shrub or tree has bagworms by the defoliation and the bags of silk and foliage hanging down from the twigs and branches (see photo). The bags contain the larvae. They probably overwintered as eggs inside the female's abdomen inside the bag she constructed last year. Females lay 500-1,000 eggs in each bag during the previous fall, which is not a small number for homeowners to combat! And, because the weather has been very dry and hot this year, causing stress to trees and shrubs, that heat has also increased the vigor and damage caused by bagworms.



Larvae feed on the tree's foliage, mostly at night, and will continue to do so through August. In September, the male moths will emerge and seek the receptive females ... then the hoochy koochy mating begins. Just an interesting note -- the females will remain in their nests once fully developed from the larvae (feeding stage). This is because they have no functioning mouthparts and no legs or wings.

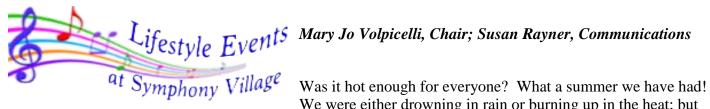
There are two effective ways to kill the insects: (1) pick their nests off the tree or cut their nests in half to kill the larvae (similarly, place the bags in a plastic bag and tie it to keep the males from escaping) and (2) spray them!

Picking them off can be done when you see the bags, but spraying should only be applied from early May to mid-July while the larvae are actively feeding and small. When the caterpillars are no longer feeding, after late August, the tree will not experience additional damage beyond what has already occurred; most importantly, spraying after (August) is a complete waste of time and money.

If you choose to spray the trees, as identified above, always follow the instructions. Two insecticides to consider are Dipel or Thuricide. These reputable products, both contain Bacillus thuringiensis. This natural bacterium is deadly to young bagworms, but does not harm non-foraging insects such as honeybees. A good thing!

There is no way to determine if your tree will regenerate new foliage, so wait until spring before removing it. I hope this helps when determining what to do about bagworms; if not, feel free to call me.





We were either drowning in rain or burning up in the heat; but

when we look across the country at what this summer has wrought, we know we made the best decision—to settle here in Symphony Village. Zina Lichaa's Happy Birthday Happy Hour was a huge success once again, on Saturday, August 18. An Ice Cream Cake was the perfect antidote to a hot August Night. The pool was really in use the last two weeks of August, and the evening swims seem to be catching on: almost every night we could find someone swimming in the evening, enjoying the pool lights, good friends, and fine conversation—and to think, not one skinny dipper!

Labor Day was very quiet in the Village. While the Committee encouraged everyone at home to come up for picnicking or grilling, hardly anyone showed up on Sunday. We laid out chips, pretzels, crackers, dessert, iced tea, and cold water; we supplied grilling utensils and mitt; we had lovely music playing throughout the day; but all remained quiet. Monday seemed a little more crowded at the pool, but with so many residents on their "last of the summer" vacations, we remained on the quiet side. Perhaps the heat or threat of rain kept people away. The Committee apologizes for canceling the Luau. With so



many people away, enough people couldn't be found to help with the cooking and serving. We promise to bring back the Luau next July, but not on a holiday. It seemed to work better on a non-holiday weekend last year, so we've already lined up the entertainment for 2019!

By popular demand, we have brought dancing back to SV. We had free demos and enough people signed up, so we will be offering **Line Dancing every Wednesday at 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.**, followed by **Ballroom Dancing** at **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Even if you didn't go to the demo, you can always sign up in the Activities Book for the second



session of classes. This is such great exercise and fun too! Yoga demo was Wednesday, September 12, and classes will begin on Wednesday, September 17, then Monday and Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Again, it's good to sign up early but you can join in anytime. Stay limber, stay stress free - Yoga is for the mind and body. Not sure it's right for you? Stop by to observe a class.

Amy & Jay Landen and Linda & Dale Butler are treating us to a return to the 50s with their Sock Hop Themed

Happy Hour on **Saturday, September 15, at 6 p.m.** Get out your Poodle Skirts and roll up your T-Shirt sleeves (you can omit the cigarettes), bring your favorite appetizer or dessert, and enjoy the sounds of Rock & Roll!

The Committee would like to say Thank You for a job well done to all of the **Pool Operators** on **Sunday, September 16, at 4:30 p.m**. We will be on the Terrace grilling chicken and hot dogs. We'd like you to RSVP to Mary Jo Volpicelli's email keefemj@yahoo.com or text 401-374 -6987. This will help us determine how much food will be needed. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert; if your last name begins with N-Z, we would like you to bring a side dish or



appetizer. Many residents don't know the job of the Pool Operators or even who they all are, but they did a great job keeping us safe, our pool clean, and our gates protected after hours. Come and join us on our last pool day and thank those residents who stepped up to volunteer.

Movie Night is returning for the Fall and Winter months. Our first showing will be on **Saturday, September 29, at 7 p.m.**. We'll be seeing *Book Club* with the all-star cast of Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen. Come for the movie and enjoy popcorn and candy, bring your own beverage. No signup needed. Since we now have to buy the movies, donations are always welcome.



We have a lot of activities planned for October beginning with hosting our Oktoberfest Happy Hour in our Beer Garten and serving up grilled Brats and German Beer on tap. Like last year, we are asking for Bavarian food themed appetizers and desserts. A fun time was had by all last year, so join us again Friday, October 5, at 6 p.m.

on the Terrace. There will be a small fee for the Brats & Beer.



If you haven't heard or signed up, don't forget to save the date for our SV **Dog Show** on **Sunday, October 14, 1 p.m.** (rain date October 21). Bring your pooch and a lawn chair to the gazebo and watch the dogs compete in such fun categories as: dogs that look the most like their owners, dog you'd like most to take home, or how about best tail wag or smile? The details are on the entry form available now at the Clubhouse. Entry forms are due by October 1. A donation bin will be available the day of the show for donations to the Animal Welfare League. Support your neighbors and a great cause!

Stepping outside of the Village and up to the Outlets: We're setting up a tasting with **Crow Vineyards** on **Monday, October 22, 4-5:30 p.m**. Enjoy a tasting of four red wines/three white wines/one dessert wine. There will be a cheese and summer sausage platter with crackers. Served with the dessert wine will be Kilby Cream Rosé wine ice cream. We can only accommodate 24 guests. There will be a representative from Crow Vineyards to lead us in our tasting. For questions and to secure your seat, contact Carolyn Harty or Susan Rayner. Cost is \$12 plus tax.

Also in October, **BB&T** will offer a seminar and light meal on **Tuesday, October 16, 5 – 7:30 p.m.** discussing such topics as:

- How much money do I need to retire?
- When should I take Social Security?
- Wills, Trusts, Living Wills, and Advance Medical Directives.
- Other topics.

The panel will stay after 7:30 p.m. to answer questions and discuss matters one-on-one. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book.

Another **Birthday Happy Hour** is in the planning for **Saturday, October 20**. Zina and the Committee will be celebrating those born in October, November, and December. A sign-up sheet will be in the Activities Book; please let us know if you are going to join us.

Our **Fall Yard Sale** is planned for **Saturday, October 27**. The Fall Yard Sale is the biggest of the year, so get a head start and begin cleaning out those sky basements, basements, and garages. We will have balloons, street signs, our big road sign, and plenty of paper and online advertising.

On the same day, we will host another **Movie Night** at **7 p.m.** with the title TBA. So, you see, the Lifestyle Committee is working hard to present activities for all residents. Please send us your ideas if you'd like to see something else happening this winter. We'd like to wish everyone L'Shanah Tovah and G'mar Chatima Tovah.

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OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, President; Sue Canfield, Vice-President

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November 7-11

Outreach's 10th Annual Food Drive

Non-perishable goods including soups, vegetables, fruits, peanut butter/jelly, tuna, canned beef or chicken, pasta and sauce, cereals and other boxed goods...

Plan to sponsor one of 50 gift cards we will present honoring a decade of giving...

More info on drop-off houses and other details in next month's *Libretto*. We are looking to beat last year's donation of over 2,100 units of food. Start looking for a good sale and join your Outreach team in this worthwhile endeavor.



Fundraiser Dinner



Doc's Riverside Grill (511 Chesterfield Avenue) in Centreville has generously offered to host a Dinner Fundraiser on **Wednesday**, **October 3, 5 – 8 p.m**. and will donate 10% of the food sales to Outreach. We hope that

you save this date on your calendar and plan to join us for great food while supporting your SV Outreach organization.



Symphony Village Name Tag Drive

SV NAME TAGS

Outreach has begun another SV Name Tag Drive which will conclude on Friday, October 26. Each name tag is \$16, and this drive will be the only Name Tag Drive until at least 2019. If you wish to order a name tag:

- 1. Clearly print the following information on a piece of paper:
 - Name: (as you want it to appear on the name tag)
 - EMAIL Address: (to notify you when they come in)
 - <u>Backing Choice</u>: PIN or MAGNET (<u>NOTE</u>: If you have a <u>pacemaker</u>, you <u>MUST</u> choose a PIN backing)
- 2. Make a check out to SVOPI (for Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.):
 - \$16 for one name tag
 - \$32 for two name tags
- 3. Put both the ordering information and the check into an envelope; label the outside of the envelope "Name Tags;" and place the sealed envelope into the black lock box in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse.

The name tag order will be placed in late October, and the name tags should be delivered in mid-November. Questions? Contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194) or Loretta Quigley (410-758-6775).

Caregivers Support Group



The Caregivers Support Group is a group of SV residents who are faced with the role of caregiving for a family member. The group is a forum for sharing experiences, concerns, and knowledge that have been gained along the way.

Friendships are formed as information is shared and resources are discussed. Meetings are held at a resident's home and are <u>strictly</u> confidential. If you need support or



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want information or just need someone to listen, please consider joining, or at least visiting, this group. Contact Marilyn Williams, 410-758-3422, if the Caregivers Support Group can support <u>you</u> in your role as a caregiver here in SV.

SNEAKERS PRESENTS — *Linda Farrar*

SYMPHONY VILLAGE ARTISTIC WORKS GALA

Think Win-Win!

It refers to a frame of mind and heart that seeks mutual benefit and satisfaction.

Once again, you can anticipate an exciting evening gala with a variety of delicious food, wine, beer, and yummy desserts – plus unexpected and wonderful raffles that are bound to appeal to every attendee. And, while you enjoy all that experience offers, YOU are helping local school children.

Symphony Sneakers of Centreville is a 501(c)3 non-profit group which serves school children of Centreville, Church Hill, and Sudlersville. Your Sneakers donation is tax-deductible!

This fundraiser sustains and enhances various support activities. Money raised enables Sneakers to continue supporting many fine programs, one of which is "Readers Are Leaders" Program – a name given to school book give-a-ways. This program encourages children to read for pleasure. In 2017 Sneakers purchased 3,500 books selected by guidance counselors at each school. In addition, Sneakers supports middle school outdoor education camp, high school senior scholarships, and many other local area charitable donations, e.g. Compass Regional Hospice's 3-day Camp New Dawn attendance fees.

In the Clubhouse Wall Street Room, you will see a framed display which indicates two ways to purchase tickets for:

- Gala entry tickets @ \$25/each (with purchase of each entry ticket, obtain 1 FREE general raffle ticket at door)
- Special raffle tickets to win PAID HOA DUES FOR 2019 @ \$20/each



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Lunch Bunch – Bea Trotta & Marge Strano

The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Carrol's Creek Café on Thursday, October 11, at 12:30 p.m. Note that the Lunch Bunch will meet on the second Thursday in October. Carrol's Creek **Café** is located in Annapolis at 410 Severn Avenue. We look forward to a wonderful waterside lunch and a beautiful October day. You will also have the opportunity to browse through the downtown Annapolis shops.

Sign up online for the October Lunch Bunch starting September 15 by using the <u>Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link</u>. 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 (Cell 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (Cell 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride.



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Bird Club — Linda Blume

Learn more about the amazing migration of Monarch Butterflies and participate in tagging at three upcoming tagging workshops:

- **Monday, September 24**, 4 6 p.m.: Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Easton: Pickering Events (\$5)
- Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. noon: Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, Barnstable Farm, Chester: Monarch Butterfly Tagging (Free)
- **Friday, October 12**, 3 4:30 p.m.: Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely:

 <u>Monarch Tagging</u> (Free for members, with \$5 admission for non-members) (Pre-register on the website).



Mahjong Lessons



Are you interested in learning how to play mahjong? Lessons will start **Tuesday**, **September 25**, **10** a.m. and/or **Wednesday**, **September 26**, **7** p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room. Indicate which time preferred. Call Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591, for more information.

Bridge Lessons



Are you interested in learning to play bridge or refresh your bridge skills? If enough interest, lessons will start **Thursday, October 4, at 7 p.m**. Sign up in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room. Call Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591, for more information.

CERT News – John Olson, CERT Coordinator





Emergency Operations Center Tour



On Tuesday, August 14, seventeen Symphony Village residents were given a tour of the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 911 Center.

The EOC is a secure facility designated as the hub for emergency response coordination

in Queen Anne's County. The EOC is activated when the demand on emergency resources requires additional support. Upon activation, the County notifies key personnel from every affected department to respond to the designated EOC. These key personnel from up to 20 organizations are involved in the decision-making process that will enhance delivery of emergency responses to all the citizens.

The recently renovated EOC contains large interchangeable displays, flexible communications interfaces, and wireless control of display functions. As organizations join the EOC, they plug their own phones into the EOC communications hub which has priority over any



communications within the County. There are a kitchen and bunkbeds available so that personnel can stay at the EOC for the duration of any emergency.

The 911 Center handles over 90,000 calls per year. Their systems are compatible and interoperable with all Eastern Shore centers. The current system can locate a caller to within several hundred feet, but an upgraded system scheduled for installation within the year will be able to locate a caller to within a few feet.

Stop the Bleed

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. You can help save a life by knowing how to stop bleeding if someone, including yourself, is injured. There are a number of methods that can be used to stop bleeding and they all have one thing in common — compressing a bleeding blood vessel in order to stop the bleeding. A Stop the Bleed kit contains the essential components necessary to help save a life.

The Board of Directors approved the purchase of a Stop the Bleed kit for the Clubhouse. It was delivered on August 29 and is located with the First Aid Kit in the Gym (see photo).



The kit includes:

- Instructional booklet on bleeding control
- C-A-TTM tourniquet
- QuikClot® Bleeding Control DressingTM
- Mini SharpieTM Marker
- 1 pair of protective gloves
- Compression bandage

Dining In — Nancie Cameron



Dining In will be held **Sunday, September 30, at 6 p.m.** Sign up in the Activities Book and indicate if you will be a guest or if you would be willing to host if needed. If more than one person hosts, more guests can attend. The host picks the menu and

lets the guests know what to bring. This is a great way to meet new people. Sign up by **Wednesday, September 26**.

Ladies Happy Hour

Ladies Happy Hour will be held on **September 27 at 5:30 p.m.** The cost is \$5 to cover dinner. The drink of the day is \$1 and other drinks are regular bar prices. Sign up online for the Ladies Happy Hour or by using the Ladies Happy Hour sign up. 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**. Hostesses are still needed for future happy hours. Check the Activities Book.

Bocce Banter -Don Rizzo

Labor Day Championship

Held in conjunction with the Labor Day Picnic, the Labor Day Bocce Championship attracted some of the community's more prominent bocce enthusiasts. The competition proved to emulate the temperature during some very competitive preliminary rounds which determined our two finalists. The teams of Maggie Kovack and Pat Scheirer and George Drake and Royce Holm evolved to face one another in the championship match. Despite the heat, both teams exhibited skillful bocce shots and strategy with the Drake/Holm twosome finally squeaking out an 11-8 win in the winner-take-all final match. Congratulations are in order for both teams!!

Fall Bocce Season

The rainy weather forced the delay of our opening day of the Fall Season one week. Therefore, we will now start the Fall Season on **Saturday**, **September 15**. The good news is this delay will now allow those of you interested in entering your own team of two or more players or joining an existing team to do so. The



League matches are played on Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m. and are completed by about 10:30 a.m. This leaves you with plenty of time for your other fall activities, yet still provides you with the opportunity to participate in this great sport.

Come Join Us on Wednesdays

Wednesday's at 6 p.m. we get together for Open Bocce at the courts where we play a little round robin bocce. It's a great opportunity to learn the game if you're new or practice your existing skills. We will continue until we lose the daylight hours. Join us when you can, and I think you'll enjoy the activity and get to meet some nice people.

SV Good Time Rollers

Our entry into the Chestertown Ye Olde Town Bocce League came out of the gates with a flourish winning their first match of the Fall Season 17-9 on **Tuesday, September** 4. Captained by Allan Levin, other team members are Karen Kram, Don Rizzo, Laura Rocco, Linda Schmidt, Carole Walsh, and Jack Walsh.

Let the Good Times Roll!!

SV Tennis — *Larry Miller*

September should bring cooler and less humid conditions for tennis so get the racket ready for fall tennis. See you on the courts. Call for more information: 443-262-8270.



Tenth Annual Symphony Village Golf Tournament



Our tenth annual Symphony Village golf tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 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. Please let either Rich Ryan (410-758-2136), or Carol Hodges (443-735-0112) know by October 2 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 Carol or Rich. Hope you can join us for this fun filled event.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Hallowe'en Fun is coming! — $Carlene\ Cooke$

September is here, October is coming and with it thoughts of pumpkins, fall colored leaves, ghosts, and goblins! Get those Halloween costumes ready because the Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party will be **Saturday, October 20 from 2 -- 4 p.m.** at the Clubhouse for grandchildren **ages 2 -- 10**. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with 'trick or treating.'

Beginning **September 17**, please sign up in the Halloween Party notebook in the Wall Street Room. There is a box there for the checks, made out to SVHOA. The cost is **\$7 per child**. **Grandparents must be in attendance**. Deadline for sign-up is **Monday, October 15**.

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!!

Shred Day on Halloween 11 a.m. - 1 p.m

Mary Ciesielski, your SV neighbor and a real estate agent with Long and Foster, will be sponsoring a Shred Day again this year. It will be shortly after the Yard Sale, which will be October 27, so you can start now and get rid of all those pesky unneeded documents. You can bring as many boxes or bags as you wish. Members of Outreach will be on hand to help and collect any donations. (Pictured are Eleanor Strietman, Mary, and Charlene Smallwood-Brown).



American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18



Veterans Open House

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville will hold an Open House on **Saturday**, **September 29, noon -4 p.m**. Come see what the Legion has to offer. There will be various organizations from federal, state, and local governments present to assist veterans with issues such as VA claims and benefits. Please RSVP to the Legion at 410-758-3584. This is a family

event, so spouses and family are welcome to attend.

Friday Night Dinners

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 21: No Dinner (preparation for Octoberfest)

Friday, September 28: Steamed Shrimp Dinner

Friday, October 5: Fried Chicken Dinner

Friday, October 12: Turkey Dinner

For more information, call the Post at 410-758-3584.

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

Wednesday, September 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.: Bob Ross Paint-Along (Pre-register on the website)

Friday, October 5, 2-4 p.m.: Friday Film - Ocean's 8 (Pre-register on the website)

Saturday, October 13, 3-4 p.m.: Crime and a Cuppa

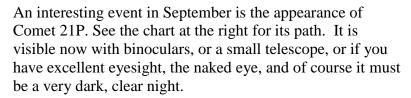
The Astronomy Club — Larry Raynor, The Amrchair Astronomer

Last month, I complained about how bad the weather observing conditions have been all summer causing club members and myself to miss some wonderful views of the planets at their closest approaches to Earth. I recommended viewing the Perseids Meteor Shower in early August and indicated I would report on Susan and my viewing of the event. Well, sky viewing has continued to be poor!

My observing buddy, Jim Arnts, and I have gone out on many occasions to align my telescope with the GPS satellites and two visible stars, only to be denied the sight of the two stars by either cloudy or rainy conditions. This also proved true for the Perseids meteor shower in early August. My friends from South Carolina to Towson, Maryland all reported the same: poor weather and poor observing conditions! Unfortunately, these conditions are expected to continue for weeks as

we experience the "Hurricane Season." So, what do we

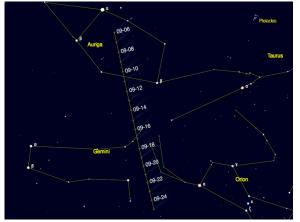
focus our attention on?



This comet will be at magnitude 6.5. The "average" naked eye can see to Magnitude 6.0. (Remember the article on Magnitude? The lower the number, the brighter the object).

One of the things I've wanted to do for the Astronomy Club members has been to view many of the Messier objects.





There are roughly 110 Messier objects. These dim, astronomical objects were identified by Edmond Halley in the early 1800s, (yes, the discoverer of Halley's Comet). The list was compiled by a French astronomer

(Messier) about 1850. Halley viewed and listed these dim objects so that he wouldn't confuse them as he hunted new comets.

You can see some of these with binoculars, but all of them with my 11-inch "deep space" telescope! If only the DARN SKIES would clear up! Look and research the list. Challenge yourself to find as many as possible. Let me know your success.

Try looking for M-42, "the Orion Nebula" where new stars are being formed; it's beautiful! Orion, the Hunter, is easy to spot in the winter skies, a little harder now but doable. The Hunters Belt is formed by 3 stars in a row and Orion, the Hunter, chases Taurus, the Bull, westwards. Also, the eye of Taurus is formed by the red-giant

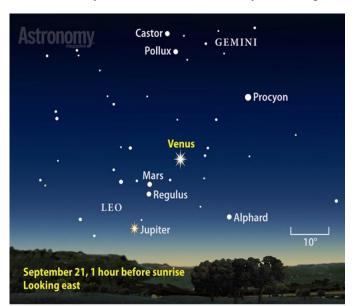
star, Betelgeuse, which I mentioned last month. A good binocular target is M-13, the globular star cluster in the constellation Hercules. It contains 300,000 stars in a ball—amazing, it is located 25,000 light years from Earth and is one of the oldest objects in our Milky Way galaxy! (A light year is approximately 6 trillion miles, less than the National Debt.)

Next month we will talk about Nebulae, the Nursery of stars, and how stars are formed. But for now, when the skies clear, keep looking up.

Evening Sky:

Venus (southwest); Mars (south); Jupiter (southwest); Saturn (south); Neptune (east)

For early risers, take a look at this: ▶



Neighbors To Note

Featuring Tegan Baumann — Debi Wells

Tegan Baumann is just one of the delightful and interesting neighbors our community enjoys. During the coming months, Publications & Communications plans to periodically highlight Symphony Village neighbors ... not for volunteerism, talent, great career paths, or other significant reasons (even though we have plenty of residents in these categories). Instead, we will highlight residents because they are our wonderful neighbors and everyone has a story. If you know of someone you would like highlighted, please (anonymously) put their name into the designated 'Neighbors to Note' box in the Wall Street Room. One resident will be chosen and asked periodically to share their story.

Tegan, thank you for sharing your story this month.

Born and raised in Baltimore City, Tegan Baumann enjoyed generations of families knowing each other over many decades. Being close to farmers' markets (with daily fresh meats and produce), great restaurants, and bars was a favorite. She also appreciated great medical facilities within minutes of her home.

Tegan's life was greatly influenced by Ray, her husband. Through him she learned the art of compromise, deep friendship, and teamwork. She was surprised to find, when they had a disagreement over their 28-year relationship, that they were both actually on the same side. That is, they both wanted the same thing-- a good outcome and happiness together. ("So why fight!" she said.)

While Tegan had a satisfying career as an auditor, senior accountant, and then as a cost analyst administrating federal grants from the National Science Foundation, the Department of Health and Human Service, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (to name a few), having funds to travel was her goal. Her favorite trip was to Egypt. Tegan appreciated its history, temples, monumental pyramids, and statues and the overall expanse of the country.

After her husband, Ray, passed, Tegan sought a new life. How bold is that? She visited Symphony Village, which resonated with her desire for safety and comfort. She felt the homes were well-built. In fact, on the day she first visited Symphony Village, she bought her home! While the homes seem close, she enjoys the privacy offered in our community. Most of all, her biggest delight has been the camaraderie. She enjoys biking in the Village, happy hour,

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and Lifestyle events held at the Clubhouse, and you can always find Tegan at monthly Community Emergency and Response Team meetings and speaker events. The spirit of friendship is important to Tegan, whom I have found to be calming, bubbly, intelligent, fun, and full of surprises!



Talk about surprises ... have you ever gone sky diving? Well, Tegan has! Her first tandem sky dive was last month. Tandem skydiving (or tandem parachuting) is a type of skydiving where one person (in this case, Tegan) is connected to a harness attached to an instructor. Fearless, Tegan stood miles above the earth on the plane's threshold, looked down, and saw an immense amount of amazing scenery across cities (pictured). Tegan described the fall like being in a huge swing — liberating, peaceful, and beautiful.



Again, thank you, Tegan, for sharing a part of your story with your neighbors.

Queen Anne's County Legacy Foundation - Linda Blume

I recently met with Elaine Studley, President, and Dottie Clark, Secretary, of the recently-formed <u>Queen Anne's County Legacy Foundation</u>. This non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting and sustaining the history, culture, and arts communities within QAC. Through advocacy initiatives, educational programs, community grants, and cultural events, the Foundation's goals are to build community; invite new visitors, young people, and families to its cultural events; and help preserve QAC's rich heritage for future generations to enjoy. This organization is not affiliated with the Queen Anne's County Historical Society; it is separate and distinct.

The Foundation is looking for new members from within the SV community. Membership is free to senior citizens who volunteer with the group (see below), and \$20 for individual members. You may join and get more information on the website.

The Foundation has two events upcoming that I will be publicizing separately here in SV:

An Evening with Benjamin Franklin: Friday,
 November 2, Centreville

and

 Holiday Tour of Historic Homes: Saturday, December 8, Centreville. The Holiday House Tour is a resurrection of a tradition begun 35 years ago that had fallen by the wayside.

The Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with the House Tour. Just some of the possibilities: be a docent in one room at one of the historic homes (a half-page script will be provided about the room); help sew historical costumes for some volunteers to wear (but the wearing is totally optional if you are a volunteer that day); help with some of the crafts that will be available at the Crafts Bazaar; help man the pop-up store on the Courthouse Lawn; hand out refreshments; be part of a caroling group; etc. I don't have a complete list, but if you are at all interested in volunteering, please email QACLegacyFoundation@gmail.com and someone will get back to you. Please let them know you're an SV resident.



We have a lot of "history buffs" in SV. You may want to check out this non-profit Foundation.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Bay Music Festival



The <u>Bay Music Festival</u> will take place on **Saturday, September 22**, 2-9 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be live music from favorite local bands, food trucks, cold beer, and family-friendly activities. Admission is \$5, with children under the age of 10 admitted

free.

Octoberfest



Octoberfest will take place on **Saturday, September 22**, 1-6 p.m., at American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville. The event is hosted by the American Legion Riders. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 ages 6-11, and ages 5 and under no charge. There will be a live band, food, expanded free children's activities, a bike and classic car show, door prizes, a silent auction, and more. The event benefits four designated charities endorsed by the American Legion

Riders, Jeff Davis Post 18 division. The rain date is September 23.

Farm to Fork Fundraiser



The Queen Anne's County Arts Council will host <u>Farm to Fork</u> on **Saturday**, **September 29**, 6 – 10 p.m., at Stutzman's Farm (220 Tower Point Road) in Centreville. It will be an evening of authentic, locally sourced food made the old fashioned way. There will also be music, square dancing, and a restaurant raffle. Dress is farm casual. All proceeds benefit the arts in QAC. Tickets are \$75 each. This event sold out in 2016, and again this year seating is limited to 160 guests. You may purchase tickets online at <u>Tickets</u> or at the Arts Council.

Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff Open House



The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff (505 Railroad Avenue) in Centreville will hold an Open House on **Saturday**, **October 13**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bull and Oyster Roast and Fish Fry



The Kennard Alumni Association will host a <u>Bull and Oyster Roast and Fish Fry</u> on **Saturday**, **October 13**, 2 – 6 p.m., at Kennard High School African American Cultural Heritage Center (410 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. Menu includes pit beef, fried oysters, fried fish, baked beans, slaw, green beans, assorted desserts, beer, iced tea, and lemonade. There will also be music and raffles, and shucked oysters and baked goods will be for sale. Tickets are \$40 in

advance and \$45 at the door.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press "Event Source Links" on the <u>Sources</u> page on the **SV Website**.

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