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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

SV Board of Directors Action Items – August & September 2018

- Pat Fox, SV Board of Directors, Vice President

August:

- **Pool Furniture** – Approved a motion to direct the Operations Committee to develop a plan to replace the pool furniture over two, three, or four years.
- **Landscape Proposals:**
 - Approved a motion to authorize \$8,547 to landscape the area near the guardrail on Bravo.
 - Approved a motion to authorize \$9,244 for a preventative tree maintenance program.
 - Approved a motion to authorize aeration and over-seeding of all common area lawns and resident lot lawns contingent on a price agreement are reached with Complete Landscaping based upon credit received for fewer grass cuttings this year.

September:

- **Pool Furniture - Phase 1 Umbrellas** – Approved a motion submitted by the Operations Committee to authorize an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to replace 25 pool umbrellas, with the color selection as presented, using Reserve Funds.

- **Lifestyle Terms of Reference** – Approved a motion to include the following in the Terms of Reference for the Lifestyles Committee: *Any activity sponsored by the Lifestyle Committee will be allowed to use the Clubhouse free of charge regardless of whether or not the person conducting the activity is charging the residents to participate. The person conducting the activity MUST have insurance covering the activity and the SV HOA. These activities shall only be open to Symphony Village residents. Recurring activities shall make adjustments in their schedules to accommodate other non-recurring events.*
- **Comfort High Toilets** – Approved a motion to change the distribution of the new comfort high toilets to have two toilets installed each in the woman’s bathroom and the women’s locker room.
- **Art Classes** – Approved a motion to allow art classes to be held in the ballroom using tarps on the floors for protection.
- **Unobligated Homeowners Equity** - Approved a motion submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee to allow the use of excess Unobligated Homeowners Equity funds, over and above the 20% of the annual budget in the Unobligated Homeowners Equity set aside as a *rainy day fund* for paying down the expansion loan early. The amount that could be used this year will be based on the November financial statement and a vote on the amount that could be used will be taken at the December meeting. In succeeding years, the financial statements will be reviewed every six months to determine our spending trend for the fiscal year and our ability to apply excess funds to pay down early.
- **Tree List** - Approved a motion submitted by the Landscape & Irrigation Committee/Tree Subcommittee, to accept the updated Approved and Prohibited tree lists developed by them with concurrence of the Covenants Committee to provide guidance for planting trees in homeowner lots and in the common areas.
- **Sink Hole Repair** - Approved a motion to repair the sinkhole behind 239 Concerto at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.
- **Replacement of Pump 5** - Approved a motion submitted by the Landscape & Irrigation Committee to replace Pump 5 at cost not to exceed \$8,000.



Mary Jo Volpicelli, Chair; Joe Sikes, Secretary; Zina Lichaa, Treasurer; Susan Rayner, Correspondent



Hooray for **Fall** and **Football**! As I write, it is a balmy 82 degrees, so the weather is still great to get out and have fun and the Lifestyle Committee is working to make this happen in the Village.

Wellness activities (i.e., Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, and Yoga) are going strong. The Yoga classes, those with chairs and mats, are a huge hit; so much so, that we are adding an evening class for beginners. Starting on Tuesday, October 23, a mat class will be held from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person if you sign up for all four sessions or \$12 for walk-ins. Sign up in the Activities Book in the Wall Street room.

The Landen/Butler Sock Hop was a big hit! Even the guys got in on the theme! (*Linda and Dale Butler, Mary Officer, and Amy Landen and Larry Rayner*)



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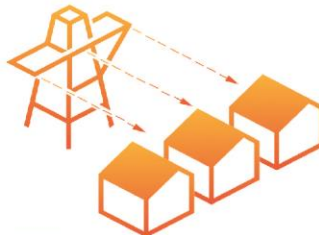
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A big *Thank You* went out to the Pool Operators who kept us safe all summer long. Lifestyle sponsored a cookout on September 16, complete with chicken on the grill and hot dogs with fixings. Certificates of appreciation were given to each operator. Some of our Villagers decided to “break the rules” on the last day and jump into the pool—if only their grandchildren could have seen them!

Pool Operators: Scott Page, Rosemary Page, Jim Buckheit, Karen Kram, Lloyd McAtee, Marilyn Williams, Ellen Leavy, Mary Scull, Bill Leavy, Tom Scull, and Tom McManus. Pool Operators not present were: Andrea and John Parham, Skip Kornmeyer, and Dominick Mancinelli.



Movie Night returned September 29 with a showing of *Book Club*. The Lifestyle Committee treated those attending the movie with popcorn and candy. It was nice to see a comedy as ageless as we all are.

Even though the night was chilly and rain threatened, we all enjoyed our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest. Lifestyle offered the Bratwurst for free, but the German Bier cost you a “buck.” A good time was had on the coolest night so far.

We welcome any and all suggestions for a party, but the Lifestyle Committee is unable to sponsor any activities held outside Symphony Village. Should you want to plan an off-campus event, you are welcome to do so, on your own or with a group, and to advertise on Nextdoor. In this vein, let us remind you that Carolyn Harty and Susan Rayner are planning a trip to Crow Vineyards at the Outlets. Please watch for notices on Nextdoor.

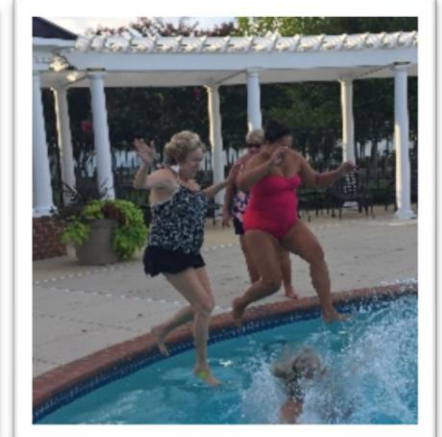
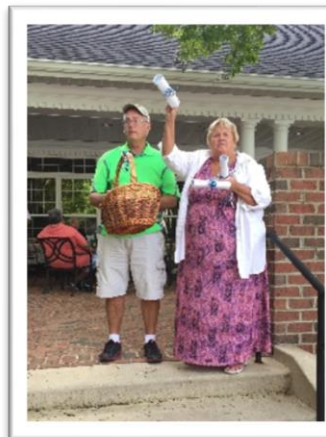
We hope you didn’t miss the Dog Show held at the Pavilion on October 14. You are too late to attend the BB&T Financial Seminar from **5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on October 16** (sign-up closed October 12), but if you have a question, please pass it on to a friend to ask for you or come to the Clubhouse around 7:30 p.m. for the Q&A session with experts on such topics as wills, trusts, and managing your money in retirement.

We will have a theme-less Happy Hour on **October 20**. Just sit back, relax, and enjoy the company and delicious appetizers and desserts provided by your good friends and neighbors.

Get into your sky basements and garages for all of those treasures you’ve been hoarding. It’s time for our **Fall Community Yard Sale, October 27, 8 a.m.– noon**. A picture is worth a thousand words so please send Susan Rayner (susanrayner129@gmail.com) your



Left: Certificate presentation: Mary Jo Keefe and Dave Peterson Right: Rule Breakers - Susan Rayner and Amy Landen, Laura Bittering in the pool.



photos of things for sale. This time of year, holiday decorations are a big hit as well as outgrown grandchildren items. Furniture and home gadgets always sell well. Please sign up in the Activities Book by Monday, October 22. We will hand out balloons and put your address on the map, and we will place directional signs throughout the neighborhood leading buyers to your house.

Randy Officer is coming back for Movie Night on **October 27 at 7 p.m.** He will be showing the comedy **Tag**, as well as some pre-views and past-views. It's always a fun time with his "little extras". Popcorn will be on sale that evening, <http://www.tagthemovie.com>

Please be advised that there will not be a Happy Hour on Friday, November 2, due to the Sneakers Gala on November 3.

The Lifestyle Committee will sponsor Weight Watchers, now named WW. They have been meeting here for a few years and are proud to announce that 444.6 lbs. have been lost in the Village. Just this past session, we lost over 200 lbs.; and if you find them, please do not return to owner! The next session begins on November 19. We need 20 residents to continue (not counting Lifetime members). The normal fee is \$186; however, we will be given a 15% discount of \$ 27.90, making the fee \$158.10 for 17 weeks going through March 25, 2019 (we will not hold a meeting on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) or New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) Please call Carolyn Harty at 410-758-2626 to sign up or send her an email at mdgalonthemove@yahoo.com.

We wish everyone a safe, scary, haunting, Halloween. Why don't we have an adult Halloween Party next year?

Vinny Volpicelli, Dale Butler, Carolyn Harty, Pat Fox, Linda Butler, Mary Jo Keefe, Ginny Guy, Judy Linkins, Judy Majeskie, and Chris Collins



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Outreach – Bea Trotta, President



BINGO is back again and the new season is in full swing with 75 people in attendance on October 12. Special *Thank You* to Gail Brown for doing a great job calling numbers. The next Bingo Night will be held on November 9. The Jackpot is at \$175 and 55 numbers will be called.



Come one, come all. Bring the grandkids, friends, and neighbors. We are starting off the evening with hot dogs and chips and, of course, sweets at 6:30 p.m. See you all up at the Clubhouse.

10th Annual Outreach Food Drive Slated for November – Loretta Quigley



Outreach is proud to announce our **10th Annual Food Drive for QAC Social Services**. Our team of twelve collection houses will take your food donations November 7 - 12. We will deliver the food on Tuesday, November 13 in time for Thanksgiving distribution. In addition to the food, we are celebrating our tenth year of partnership with fifty \$10 gift cards to Acme and Food Lion for special treats for the clients. If you would like to participate with gift cards, please look for the additional article in this month's *Libretto* for details.

Again, we are collecting *non-perishable canned and boxed items* including soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, meat, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, etc. PLEASE, NO OUTDATED pantry items. If you are going to be away and would like to drop off early, please contact Linda Blume at 410-758-3194 and she will take your food donation.

You do NOT have to live on the street with the house you choose for drop off. The following neighbors have volunteered their time and home to do this:

Sue and Dave Peterson	635 Harmony	Carol and Mel Porosoff	133 Orchestra
Larry and Carol Hodges	141 Encore	Kathy and Tom McManus	137 Symphony
Willie and John DiLaura	843 Harmony	Carlene and Jim Cooke	225 Opera
Mary and Bob Ciesielski	227 Concerto	Linda and Bob Farrar	118 Sonata
Scott and Rosemary Page	227 Harmony	Candi and Bob Nilsson	414 Harmony
Lloyd and Betty McAtee	321 Overture	Linda Blume	224 Orchestra

We are hoping to beat last year's total of over 2,100 food items. Your Symphony Village is the largest single donator in this project. We are so grateful for your help and participation!

10th Annual Outreach Food Drive November 7-12, 2018

We are excited to announce our tenth year of partnering with QAC Social Services for our Food Drive. To mark this year's milestone, we will add a special component to our community food donation:

Fifty \$10 cards to Acme and Food Lion

If you would like to join our team in sponsoring one or more of these gift cards, please put your check in the black lock box in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse made out to SVOPI (\$10 for each card you sponsor). Please consider doing this before October 31. If you want any message or greeting attached to your gift card(s), please put that note in with your check. Many thanks from your Outreach team!



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Symphony Village Name Tag Drive

Outreach's SV Name Tag Drive will conclude on **Friday, October 26**. Each nametag is \$16, and this 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)
Backing Choice: PIN or MAGNET (**NOTE:** If you have a pacemaker, you **MUST** choose a PIN backing)
2. Make a check out to SVOPI (for Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc.):
 \$16 for one nametag
 \$32 for two nametags
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. The name tags should be delivered in mid-November. Questions? Contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194) or Loretta Quigley (410-758-6775).

The 7th Annual Artisans' Fair

The 7th Annual Artisans' Fair sponsored by Outreach was held on September 22. Approximately 300 Symphony Village residents, their families and friends attended the fun-filled event. Forty-one artisans participated in the fair and sold many of their original creations.

Outreach would like to sincerely thank all of the Villagers for their participation by shopping and purchasing lunch and the delicious baked goods. Your participation made the day a

huge success. We also want to thank all those who worked so hard before, during, and

after the event to make the day run smoothly. Without your hard work, we could not sponsor the Artisans' Fair. A special thank you to Loretta Quigley who chaired the team with the help of Linda Blume and Linda Gardner and to Janet O'Connor, along with her capable team, who handled the food preparation. Thanks also to Willie DiLaura for heading up the mini-bake sale and to Marge Strano for the signage.



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There were three raffle prizes, three door prizes, and a 50/50. Betty Gringerich won the 50/50. The Symphony Village Quilters donated a lovely quilt won by Kim Parks. Marge Strano won the state-of-the-art crockpot donated by Major League Plumbing. Two groups of three gift certificates each were won by Cassie Rawlings and Marge Strano. Sue Canfield, Jane Romany, and Bea Trotta donated one group of gift certificates, and Major League Plumbing, Loretta Quigley and Pat Toole donated the second group. Eleanor Strietman, Carol Porosoff, and Maggie Kovach donated the door prizes of three bottles of wine/champagne. Judy Dillon, Cathie Levay, and Kim Parks were the happy winners. We are so very appreciative of your continued support. Artisans' Fair profits will help meet our budget obligations for 2019. Check the Gallery page of the Website for more pictures.

Sneakers – Linda Farrar, President; Correspondent, Sandee Love

Don't Miss This Exceptional Evening - Sneakers Presents: Symphony Village Artistic Works Gala – Saturday, November 3, 6 - 8 p.m.

Where do you purchase tickets? Sign up for Gala entry and special raffle tickets in the Sneakers red binder located in the Wall Street Room. Deposit your check for the full amount in the black lockbox.

With every Gala entry ticket purchased for \$25, you will receive one free general raffle ticket at the door. Look forward to more than 80 general raffles. There will be so many special items on display, it will be difficult to choose favorites.

Any questions? Please phone Margo Wagner at 410-795-0985.

Don't forget to purchase a special raffle ticket. The odds are 1 in 300 chance of winning Paid HOA Dues for 2019 = \$2,760. This is a non-cash award that will free one lucky homeowner of monthly HOA dues for 12 months!



Sneakers is selling a total of 300 special raffle tickets for \$20/each. Buy as many tickets as you want. For those residents who make an annual trek to southern climates this time of year, you need not be present to win! The winning ticket will be drawn at the event.

Symphony Sneakers is a 501(c)3 group that serves school children. Your donation in purchasing tickets for this special event will help support public school children in the Centreville area.

Pool Committee Photo

Many thanks to our neighbors who have taken an active interest in keeping the SV pool going over the years.

- Ed & Marilyn Williams. *
- George Hughes* / **
- Caryn Martin *
- Lloyd McAtee*
- John DiLaura
- Doris Pullman
- John & Andrea Parham
- Rosemary & Scott Page
- Mary & Tom Scull
- Rick Obrecht
- Tom McManus
- Kerrie Giuiceo
- Skip Kornmeyer
- Bill & Ellen Leavy
- Karen Kram
- Jim Buckheit
- *Original Volunteer
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Symphony Village's Artisan Guild – Sue Canfield

We hope you have enjoyed the beautiful *Autumn* scenes in the Concert Hall. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with the artists in Symphony Village. We know some artists are in hiding but we hope to get more of you involved and display your talents. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to join and share.

The current show will remain until **November 12, at 10 a.m.** We will remove *Autumn* and begin collecting *Winter* and *Holiday* framed art. Remember that each piece must be wired for hanging. Please consider sharing on that day.

In mid-January, we will continue with the *Winter* theme, in addition to hanging *Fabric Art*. These pieces need to be in a shadow box or have a dowel for hanging purposes. We cannot display full-sized quilts due to their weight and size; however, we can display a photo of your quilt.

The next meeting of the Artisan Guild will be **Thursday, October 18 at 1 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Come and join us or send suggestions or questions to suecanfield20@gmail.com.

Book Club – September, 2018 Review - Joe Sikes

WARNING—I have enough trouble keeping my calendar straight, so do not confuse us with the showing of the movie, *Book Club*, on September 29. There will be no popcorn or movie on October 23, and we will NOT be discussing *Fifty Shades of Grey*, as far as I know.

The SV Book Club met on September 18 to review *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Peggy Decker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Susan Goldberg, Bob Nilsson, Jim and Kathryn Buckheit, and JoAnn Walker. Pat Fox appeared briefly but was entranced by a spectacular rainbow and disappeared to seek a pot of gold. Lee Ettman graded the book by proxy.

Devil in the White City is the story of the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and describes how the city of Chicago set out to surpass the Paris Fair of 1889. Daniel Burnham and Frederick Olmsted, the designer group of Central Park in New York City, led the cream of American architects who designed and built a temporary city of more than 200 buildings that were painted white.

Contemporaneously, a serial killer ran loose in Chicago. The author ties the two stories together, seemingly in an attempt to hold the interest of readers who were less enthralled by scintillating architectural descriptions. The grading of the book was 6.8, on our 10-point scale, and the wide range of grades reflected the dichotomy of the two stories.

Nonetheless, both stories were compelling and the dogged pursuit of H.H. Holmes (the serial killer) eventually resulted in conviction and hanging in 1896. The painstaking investigation, by Detective Frank Geyer, reminds us how modern investigative techniques and technology don't always yield better results than old school *gumshoes*.



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The cultural ramifications of the White City extend far beyond some of the amazing architectural techniques pioneered for this project. The Paris World Fair provided the Eiffel Tower as its signature structure. Chicago presented the first Ferris wheel, a monstrous structure rising 264 feet high and carrying 2,000 passengers. The White City was the first electrified city with Westinghouse winning the contract using alternating current as invented by Nicholas Tesla. They bested the bid of General Electric and the direct current of Thomas Edison. Other descendants of this fair include Columbus Day, Cracker Jacks, Juicy Fruit gum, Shredded Wheat, and Aunt Jemima pancakes.

The book club also met on August 21 while I was vacationing in Hawaii. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo was reviewed by attendees; while no grade was assigned, the book was not generally well received. The book tells the story of a community of some of the poorest residents of India, who are squatters next to the Mumbai airport. The central character, a teenage boy, supports his family by collecting and selling recyclable trash. While a true story, it is told by a western journalist and was a very depressing read. The large number of characters in the story also made it difficult to follow. The book does demonstrate, however, that similar social structures and interactions exist at all economic levels, even the lowest economic rungs.

Upcoming Book Club meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. Meeting dates and associated books we plan to review are:

- **October 23 *Run, Don't Walk* by Adele Levine
- November 20 *Missing, Presumed* by Susie Steiner
- December 18 *How to Stop Time* by Matt Haig

** Not on our normal third Tuesday of the month

Bocce Banter – Don Rizzo



Fall Championship Bocce Tournament

The forecast on Saturday, October 6, was cloudy with a chance of bocce balls; and, bocce balls it was as our bocce pavilion was literally steaming with competitive action. SV's finest players gathered. When the dust settled, the result was as sweet as the chocolate Bavarian donuts providing much-needed energy for the players. The real treat of the day, however, was a Cinderella story that evolved around a relatively new resident, Rene Burgan, who ambled down to the courts just to observe the highly touted play she had heard about but never played. The ever-friendly bocce enthusiasts convinced Rene to *give the sport a try* and she hesitantly agreed. After some brief instruction from Don Rizzo, not only did she join Pat and Tony Cipriano as a team, but also was instrumental in helping them edge out the powerful duo of Amy and Jay Landen in the thrilling final match to capture the coveted McNeal Cup.

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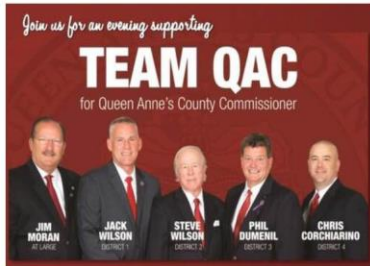
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All are welcome!

***Come with your questions and concerns to have
them answered by your candidates!***

We hope to see you there!

As a reward, Rene was chosen to act as guardian of the Cup until next Spring's Champion is crowned. In the consolation match, Karen Kram and Jack Walsh defeated the team of Anita Dell, Sue Liberto, and Jack Leister to claim third place. Although we do designate a winning team, in SV bocce everyone who participates wins—our congratulations to all participants!

Wednesday Open Bocce

Our Wednesday's Open Bocce, where all are invited to play a little round robin bocce at the courts, we will continue through the end of October, at which time we will suspend this type of play until next spring. However, the courts and the equipment are available for all residents to use throughout the year. We have been promised new storage containers at the courts where the balls are kept; until that happens, look in the "ratty looking" gray plastic boxes for the balls.

Thank You, Dan Battista

Dan Battista gave new meaning to that old military expression of field expediency, when he contributed our newest measuring device using a tomato paste can and piece of string. Reminds me of that old song my mother used to sing to me as a child, *Nobody Can Love Me Like My Old Tomato Can*.

Comment

If you could witness the sportsmanship illustrated among the SV bocce players by sharing hints and suggestions and the gentle kidding and kibitzing, you would agree that our world would be a better place if everyone would just take a break, chill out, and play a little bocce.

Then we could all agree to ...Let the Good Times Roll!

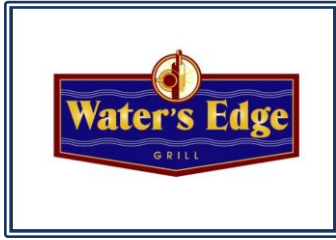
- Nancie Cameron



Dining In will be held **Sunday, October 28, 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 chooses the menu and lets the guests know what to bring. This is a great way to meet new people. Sign up by **Wednesday, October 24.**

Lunch Bunch – *Bea Trotta & Marge Strano*

Waters Edge Grill at the Hyatt in Cambridge



The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for **November 1 at 12:30 p.m.** The Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt in Cambridge is located at 100 Heron Blvd., Route 50. The Water's Edge Grill is a full-service Maryland restaurant accented by a two-story fireplace, soaring ceilings, and windows overlooking the Choptank River. The menu reflects the American Grill concept. You can view the special menu on the Lunch Bunch link on the SV Website. As usual, we look forward to a uniquely interesting lunch on a beautiful fall day. Sign up online by using the

[Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link.](#)

When you get to the Lunch Bunch Sign-up page, you can click [View Menu Here if Available](#). Many Lunch Bunch participants have been asking to see the names of those who have already signed up. Just click on [Click Here](#) to see who signed up online. You can also sign up by going 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. The menu is attached to the last page of the Sign-up Sheet. 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.

Joy of Music – *Eleanor Strietman*

The JOY OF MUSIC is back at Symphony Village! SV residents are again experiencing a wonderful opportunity exploring every aspect of music—from composers and different styles of music to the various instruments that make music possible. The *Joy of Music* classes are held in the Clubhouse Concert Hall at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Mr. Bob Huntington, the Artistic Director of the Queen Anne's Chorale, has returned to teach the sessions. Mr. Huntington's wonderful sense of humor and encyclopedic knowledge of music makes each class a different delight! He talks (a little), we listen (to him and then to music), we laugh, and we learn! Each session costs \$5 per person and usually lasts about an hour. So...come to the Clubhouse for the following upcoming topics: **10/22—*Somethin' Fishy***; **11/14—*There's No Place Like Home***; and **11/28—*Klezmer Music***.

Please feel free to call Eleanor Strietman (443-262-8162) if you have any questions.

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Social Singles – Carol Donnelly

Social Singles Fall Foliage trip to Maine.

Happy October—pictures of our Fall trip up north!



Pictured are Carol Donnelly, her cousin Diane, Mary Shipley, and Eileen Menapace.

Joyce Brown is planning some new activities:

Social Singles next scheduled meeting will be **November 14 at 10:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. Our agenda includes planning our December dinner meeting at Carol's house. Another important item on the agenda is a possible trip to Italy in September 2019. Many dates are available. This tour includes Naples, southern Italy, Palermo, and Sicily with Perillo Tours.

Neighbors of Note – Candi Nilsson - Laura Rocco

“You have reached the Nilsson family as well as the Education Department for Anne Arundel County Animal Control. Please leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.”

If you hear this message, don't hang up. You really have reached the Nilsson household— But, Animal Control?

Candi Nilsson serves as the Humane Education Director of the Anne Arundel County Police Department Animal Control Section. The role is designed to educate people to interact with dogs, cats, and other animals.

She's quick to point out that Animal Care and Control is not the *Disney-esque* villain that many assume. The few paid employees and many volunteers love animals and want the best outcomes for the domestic critters and the public that interacts with them.

To that end, Candi educates. You might find her in a classroom one day, a senior center the next, or the Naval Academy. Come summer, she's available to come to county-sponsored recreation activities.

What better way to get folks comfortable with animals than to bring one along? Angel, Candi's seven-year-old French bulldog, happily accompanies her to the presentations. Candi trained this rescue dog to become a certified therapy animal. (She notes that not all dogs have the temperament to succeed in this role.)



In her 28 years in this program, Candi has developed a curriculum tailored to various ages and populations. Her lesson plans include values, methods, follow-up activities, and resources. She even meets with individuals who have been bitten or otherwise traumatized by a dog to help desensitize them.



Candi is especially drawn to large breeds of dogs, including those that are stereotyped as dangerous. She works with Bullmastiffs, Rottweilers, Pit Bulls, and mastiffs of all types. Candi participates in Breed Rescue and is past Vice President of the French Bulldog Rescue Network and the American Bullmastiff Rescue Association. She explains that no breed is essentially problematic. Individual dogs may have behavior problems regardless of breed.

How to measure success of this program? Requests for repeat presentations each school year are a good indicator. One teacher called to tell her that a stray dog wandered onto the grounds while the students were outside for recess. The second graders who attended

Candi's program gathered up the first graders and demonstrated how to *stand still like trees* until the dog left. Candi's impact was affirmed when a student from years ago was hired as the head of Animal Control and is now Candi's boss.

Serving as Humane Education Director allows Candi to combine her passions for dogs and children.

If you want to see Candi and Angel in action, attend the Anne Arundel County *Howloween Party Adoptathon* on October 27 at the Anne Arundel County Animal Shelter, 411 Maxwell Frye Road, Millersville.

And next time you see her, ask Candi to tell you a five-year old's definition of a "strange dog."

Homes Worth A Mention - Susan Rayner

There are so many beautifully landscaped homes and entrances in our community, from the simple elegance of potted planters to the last of the summer flowers. As we walk around the community, it is worth a **Thank You** to those who go out of their way to make our community beautiful. I can't wait to see what my neighbors have in store for us this Halloween season, but I'll be out with my camera!



Volunteer Opportunity - Linda Blume

Kay Alston participated in our Artisans' Fair this year, and she has asked me to pass along this volunteer opportunity to residents. Kay makes wigs for pediatric oncology patients as Happy Hats Maryland. She works with three cancer centers, one of which wants as many wigs as she can send them

Kay made several hats while at the Fair (she was seated across from Luann and me). Are there SV residents interested in helping Kay make these wigs? On Facebook, you can see samples at [Happy Hats Maryland](#). Kay's wig-



making workshops are free. Workshops last three hours. The participating organization (e.g., Symphony Village Residents) picks the date, time, and place, and she provides all the materials and supplies. Participants work in pairs at the workshop, and Kay teaches you how to assemble each style of wig. At the end of the workshop, participants will have learned a few new skills, had a few laughs with friends, and Kay will have a few finished wigs to send to children at the cancer centers.

Three Wig-Making Workshops have been scheduled at local senior centers:

- Grasonville Senior Center - Tuesday, November 27, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Sudlersville Senior Center - Thursday, November 29, 9 a.m. – noon
- Kent Island Senior Center - Friday, November 30, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate in one of these, please contact Kay at 410-212-9190 or kae0861@atlanticbb.net.

Kay also offered to hold a workshop here in SV (or nearby) for residents. If you are interested, contact me at 410-758-3194. If there is enough interest, I will work with Kay to get a workshop scheduled for residents.

Meet Jack Denny – *Kathy McManus*

If you attended the Island Hour in August, you may have seen Jack playing Saxophone with the Reggae Band. Music has always been a huge part of his life.

He grew up in Baltimore, and his interest in music began at a young age. A defining moment in his life occurred in the 10th grade when he participated in a survey that revealed an interest in interacting with people and music. It turned out to be providential. He attended Dundalk High School and became a member of the school band. While there, he and some friends formed a group called The Chevelles. He was a lead singer and played the saxophone. They performed Motown and R&B at venues all over Baltimore County.

Jack has a BS in Music and Band Directing from the University of Maryland and a Masters from Salisbury University. He served in the US Army and was a member of the Army Band at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Virginia. While there, he had the opportunity to play backup for some famous groups among them, The Four Tops and The Platters.

While Jack plays multiple instruments including keyboard, the sax is his instrument of choice. He was a Middle School Band Director in Dorchester County for 21 years. He has always found this particular age group to be enthusiastic and fun! In addition to his *day job*, he was a member of a trio called *The Teachers* - the group performed an average of 105 times a year.

Jack and his wife Ruth met while singing in a choral group on the Eastern Shore. After relocating to Durham, North Carolina, he continued teaching and directing at a middle school for another 19 years.

In 2004, Jack began a rigorous process of preparing to qualify for the National Board Certification of Teachers. After six months of daily work, his goal was achieved. Only 40 percent of applicants pass on their first try!



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One of the highlights of Jack’s career occurred in 2010, when he had the opportunity to play with The Temptations (see photo) not once, but three times! They needed four people to form a horn line and he was thrilled to accompany them on some of their most famous songs including - My Girl.

After retiring in 2011, Jack and Ruth moved to Symphony Village in 2016 to be near grandchildren in Aberdeen. They found the community to be warm and welcoming and have enjoyed meeting many interesting people. They both perform in the Queen Anne’s Chorale Concerts. In fact, Jack has also arranged and performed instrumental pieces for the group.

His love of music and children took him to The Hong Kong Music Festival for five weeks in 2016 where he acted as adjudicator—another wonderful experience! This year he approached the Band Director at QAC High School and once again volunteered to adjudicate for the music program and assist in evaluating student performances.

Jack’s faith is very important to him. He and Ruth are parishioners at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester where Jack sings solos and plays the saxophone at some services. In addition to music, Jack enjoys playing pool regularly and is an avid tennis player.

CERT News - John Olson, CERT Coordinator

Briefing on Opioids in Queen Anne's County



On October 2, Queen Anne's County Sheriff, Gary Hofmann, gave a presentation on opioids and crime trends. Pictured from left to right: Sheriff Gary Hofmann, Major Dwayne Boardman, Sergeant Sean Hampton, Deputy First Class Michael Piasecki, and Deputy Peter Sackrider.

Opioids include strong prescription pain relievers, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, and tramadol. The illegal drug heroin is also an opioid.

Heroin and opioid addiction has reached epidemic proportions in this country resulting in rising numbers of fatal overdoses. So far this year in Queen Anne's County, there have been 100 overdoses and 13 drug-related deaths. At the same time last

year, there were 68 overdoses and 5 deaths.

Cheap, potent, heroin is flooding across our borders. The most common local sources are in Baltimore, Annapolis, and Middletown, Delaware. There is no common profile for an opiate user; it affects all *walks of life*.

Naloxone (trade name NARCAN) is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist—meaning that it binds to opioid receptors and can reverse and block the effects of other opioids. It can very quickly restore normal respiration to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or prescription opioid pain medications. It is available without a prescription and is

carried by all law enforcement personnel in Queen Anne's County. Sheriff Hofmann and most of his officers have experience *bringing someone back to life* using NARCAN.

K-9 Demonstration

After Sheriff Hofmann's briefing, a demonstration was given by Deputy First Class Michael Piasecki and K-9 Zora. K-9s are used to search for drugs and explosives, locate missing people, find crime scene evidence, and attack people targeted by the police. The demonstration was very interesting showing how the K-9 could easily find drugs among several objects. We learned that the animals were paid for with confiscated money from drug dealer arrests so they were free to the taxpayer. Also, they are imported from Europe where they receive their basic training so commands are given in their native language such as Czech.



The Armchair Astronomer - Larry Rayner

The Solar System

We've been talking a lot about stars but let's switch it up and talk about Planets. The name Planet is from the Greek word for Wanderer because these bodies were seen to "wander" from Earth's viewpoint. We have eight in our solar system, right? Not so fast, we think we've found Planet 9! But, I get ahead of myself. Let's define a Planet. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has four criteria: the object must orbit a sun; has sufficient mass to be round or nearly so; is not a satellite of another object, like our moon; and has removed all debris from its orbit. Why was Pluto demoted from a "Planet" to a "dwarf planet"? First, it does not clear its orbital path of debris, also in the early 2,000's, other objects, roughly the mass and size of Pluto were discovered: Eris, Quaoar, and Sedna. Eris (discovered in 2006) is larger than Pluto and for a short period of time was designated the 10th planet. We started with the stars because we see so many of them, our Sun being the most important to us.



A star is formed from the gas dust clouds in a solar nebula, planets are formed from this same dust debris. Think of the solar nebula as a spinning disc, with bits of hydrogen and helium, being thrown off along with various other elements to a lesser degree. Gravity plays an important part throughout our solar system and the universe. Clumps of debris, due to gravity, began forming together until those clumps got so big that they were thrown away from the sun's debris, only 1000m in diameter they were called Planetesimals. Fast forward thousands of years, considering for the spinning, angular disc, forming the sun, still throwing off the elements of hydrogen and helium, gravity attracting stray particles to join together and we got clumps the size of our moon, they are called, Protoplanets. Accretion is the term used for this process. Temperature plays an important part in the formation of a solar system. As the gases came together to form the protosun, the temperature rose to around 2000k (k=kelvin) closest to the protosun and cooled dramatically to 50k (think this past summer) to the outer reaches. Because of the extremely high temperatures of the inner solar system, only elements with high melting points coalesced, other elements vaporized. The elements that remained were iron, silicon, magnesium, sulfur, aluminum, calcium, and nickel. With so few elements remaining the gravity of this protoplanet was slight and therefore did not attract more elements, meaning the inner planets are rocky and dense while the other planets, where the gases didn't evaporate, are more gaseous, attracting more debris, hence, larger. Water and methane remained to form the giant planets, they also have a large amount of hydrogen and helium, the two most abundant elements in our solar system and universe.

Now that the planets are formed, we can observe them with the naked eye, we can explore them with giant telescopes, and we can even send a Rover to one of them. How do we detect a planet beyond our telescopes?

The Voyager spacecraft discovered deviations in Neptune's orbit. Professor Mike Brown and Konstantin Batygin have since proposed a super-sized Earth dubbed Planet 9, based on statistical clustering of other Kuiper Belt objects and unexplained deviations in Neptune's orbit. They estimated it would be 10x the mass of Earth and have an orbit ranging from between 400-1500 A.U. (astronomical unit). One A.U. is the distance from the Earth to the Sun: 93 million miles on the average. So now, before this super Earth can be designated the 9th planet it must be detected with telescopes. This is best accomplished with infrared capable telescopes like NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, and the new James Webb space telescope, scheduled to replace Hubble when it's launched in 2021. These telescopes can look through gas and debris clouds because they "see" in infrared.

As an aside: 1. Kuiper object VP-113 was discovered in November 2012, this object is now nicknamed Biden (after our former Vice President). 2. The Spitzer Space Telescope has detected 4,034 exoplanets (planets orbiting stars other than our Sun) to date, during the 15 years since its launch! 3. More recently in the last two years, Spitzer detected 7-10 Earth-sized planets around the nearby star Trappis-1. All are in the habitable zone and could harbor life, not too hot, not too cold. 4. Funny: Professor Brown is known as the Astronomer that killed Pluto, he caused its demotion from planet to dwarf planet. Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of Hayden Planetarium, was dubbed "the man who drove the get-away car" when he was the first to display the Sun with only 8 planets.

Credits & Resources:

Google: Planet 9; Spitzer Space Telescope; Pluto; Science Channel Discovery Channel National Geographic Channel, How The Universe Works Nova, Secrets of Space

Where to View the Planets

Evening Sky: Mercury (southwest); Venus (southwest); Mars (south); Jupiter (southwest); Saturn (southwest);
Midnight: Mars (southwest);
Provided by Astronomy Magazine

Downtown Centreville, October 2018 – *Tim McCluskey*

There is a lot happening in downtown Centreville in October 2018. As of this writing (October 10), we have almost completed the first two phases of the project to replace the aging water and sewer lines under North and South Liberty Street and our goal is to make the road swap during the evening of October 24 (weather permitting). Commerce Street will then be closed to through traffic, and Liberty Street will be dualized. The construction began on this project in late February 2018; we will wrap up the first two of four phases in just under eight months (our projection was 8-9 months).

Dualized traffic will move to Liberty Street for local and through traffic, and on-street parking will be temporarily eliminated. Local traffic and parking will be allowed on Commerce Street with the exception of the area immediately under construction. Commerce Street will again be one way (Northbound), but flagging crews will be available during times when single-lane two-way traffic will be necessary. Please continue to patronize the downtown businesses; plenty of parking should be available. For any questions, call Town Hall at 410-758-1180.

Remember, there are bound to be minor initial inconveniences when the traffic is switched, so the Town asks that you be patient and give yourself a few extra minutes to get to where you are headed.

The other major event to happen in downtown Centreville this month is the opening and dedication of the new Circuit Courthouse. To give this event a perspective, the last time a new Circuit Courthouse opened in Centreville, the United States was less than 20 years old, and the President was George Washington.

On October 24, at 10 a.m., the County Commissioners will formally dedicate the new Courthouse. The original courthouse, completed in 1792, is the oldest Maryland courthouse in continuous use.

The Maryland Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons will dedicate the new courthouse. There

will be a procession, led by the Centreville Middle School Marching Band, from the historic courthouse to the new one, where the time-honored Masonic ceremony of the cornerstone ceremony will occur. This is the same Masonic ceremony that was used by George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building 225 years ago last month. In fact, the actual gavel used by President Washington will be on display in the new courthouse after the ceremony. Being able to see that gavel is an event in itself.

This is truly an historic event. If you haven't witnessed a cornerstone ceremony, you will not be disappointed and the Middle School Marching Band will surely do a great job leading the way. After the ceremony and dedication of the Courthouse, stick around for the 8th annual Centreville Day in the Courthouse square from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. for vendors, crafts, free games for the kids, great food and free entertainment.

If you are an early riser and long distance bicycle rider, consider entering the **2 Rivers Bike Ride** that kicks off at 7:30 a.m. on October 24

and is hosted by the YMCA of the Chesapeake. October is a busy month in downtown Centreville!

Please visit the Town's website www.townofcentreville.org for more information about the events and traffic changes.

Tim McCluskey, Council Member
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CENTREVILLE DAY
A Free Family Festival

Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Rain Date: October 28th

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- Face Painting (11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
- Pumpkin Bowling • Moon Bounce

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Centreville Idol expands to a Talent Contest!
We still love our singers, but this year our singers will compete with dancers, comedians, jugglers (whatever your talent is!) For contest form and information: centrevilleidol@gmail.com or (410) 758-1180, ext. 17
Contestants for baking and Idol/Talent contests compete for cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights!

For information, please contact Centreville Main Street:
(410) 758-1180, ext. 17 or mainstreet@townofcentreville.org

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Centreville Branch of the QAC



Call for Volunteers – “Gals Read”

Fourth grade girls at Sudlersville Elementary School would like to have “Gals Read” come into their school. It is just like the “Guys Read” program that has been so successful in QAC elementary schools. Jointly sponsored by the Queen Anne’s County Library and the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools, the program is looking for female volunteers to come to the school four times in the next two months, for 30-minute periods each, to read aloud to about 16 girls. Click on [Gals Read](#) to get all the details.

Household Items for Sale – *Linda Gardner*

Dining Room Table w/2 leaves and 6 chairs (2 arm chairs)
Server and Buffet
Kitchen Table w/2 leaves and 4 chairs (1 arm chair)
Sofa and Love Seat
Lazy Boy Recliner
Queen size Sleeper Sofa
File Cabinet (2 drawer)
Patio Table, Chairs, Umbrella, and Cushions
Corner Cabinets
Library Table



Much more . . . Contact Linda Gardner at 410-758-0646.

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, 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

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, October 19: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Friday, October 26: Fried Oyster Dinner

Friday, November 2: Two Crab Cakes Dinner

Friday, November 9: Pulled Pork Dinner

Friday, November 16: Half Pound Shrimp, Two Soft Shell Crabs, & One Crab Cake Dinner

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



Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Thursday, October 18**, noon – 1 p.m.: [Brown Bag Book Club - Bloodworth: The True Story of One Man's Triumph over Injustice](#) (Free) (Pre-register on the website)
- **Thursday, November 15**, noon – 1 p.m.: [Story Time for Grown Ups](#) (Free) (Pre-register on the website)
- **Thursday, November 15**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.: [The Office Trivia Night](#) (Free) (Pre-register on the website)

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Bay to Ocean 2018



The Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library invite you to Bay to Ocean 2018: An Evening with the Eastern Shore Writers Association on **Tuesday, October 16**, 6 – 8 p.m., at the Centreville Branch. This will be an evening of readings and discussions about the year's best writing from the Eastern Shore Writers Association. Authors include Brent Lewis, Ann Hymes, Nancy McCloy, David Healey, and Barbara Lockhart. The event is free. This event is part of the celebration of National Friends of the Library Week in Queen Anne's County.

All You Can Eat Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will host an All You Can Eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, October 21**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults.

Stef Scaggiari in Concert



Stef Scaggiari, celebrated jazz and classical pianist, vocalist, and arranger, will perform on **Sunday, October 21**, 4 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (301 S. Liberty Street) in Centreville. There will be a reception following the concert. A free-will offering benefits St Paul's Music Fund. For more information, call 410-758-1553.

8th Annual Centreville Day



Centreville Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 27**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Lawyers Row and Courthouse Square. This is a free family festival with contests and interactive activities. Details will be posted on the website when finalized.

Dedication Ceremony for the New Queen Anne's County Circuit Courthouse



The Dedication Ceremony of the new Circuit Courthouse in Centreville is scheduled for **Saturday, October 27**, 10 – 11 a.m., at 200 N. Commerce Street. There will be a marching band, Masonic Lodge unveiling of the cornerstone, dignitaries, and more. For information, call 410-758-0920. Free.

Ghostly Affair At Bloomfield



A Ghostly Affair will be held on **Sunday, October 28**, 2 – 5 p.m., at Bloomfield Farm Manor (200 Bloomfield Lane) in Centreville. The public is invited to come as one of these ghosts: The ghosts of the Captain John Ozman House at The Wharf, the ghosts of the Historic Court House on Courthouse Green in Centreville, the ghosts of Tucker House in Centreville, the ghosts of Chesterfield, the ghosts of the Historic School for Women on Commerce Street, and the ghost of William Claiborne or the Susquehannock Indians he traded with (go to Invited Ghosts to read all the interesting ghostly details). There will be prizes for best male and female teen, best man or woman adult, and best family of ghosts. Food and drink will be available. Costume prizes will be awarded by 3 p.m. Bull and Goat beer, Smoke, Rattle, and Roll food will be available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 8 and up. This event benefits the Mary Edwardine Bourke Emory Foundation that is working toward building the Maryland Museum of Women's History in Centreville.



[Trunk or Treat](#) will take place on **Wednesday, October 31**, 6 – 8 p.m., at the Centreville United Methodist Church (208 Church Hill Road) in Centreville with an array of classic cars filled with candy.

Annual Spooky House Tour



The Queen Anne’s County Historical Society will host its [Spooky House Tour](#) on Wednesday, **October 31**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Tucker House (124 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville.

Annual Oyster and Ham Dinner



Centreville Masonic Lodge No. 180 and the Centreville Chapter Number 69 Order of the Eastern Star in Centreville will host an Oyster and Ham Dinner on **Saturday, November 3**, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the lodge (408 Railroad Avenue). The menu will be fresh local fried oysters, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, country style green beans, dinner rolls and butter, tropical fruit salad, homemade coleslaw, and iced tea. There will also be a bake sale table and a 50/50 raffle. The donation is \$25 for adults and the event is open to the public. Carry out will be available.

Kennard Alumni Association 11th Annual Dinner Dance Gala



The [Dinner Dance](#) will take place on **Monday, November 12**, 6:30 - 11:30 p.m., at the Kennard High School Cultural Heritage Center (410 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. The \$45 admission includes a buffet dinner, open bar, dancing, door prizes, and silent auction. This is a Dress-Up Affair (Black Tie Optional) event.

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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