



by Sharon Roe

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Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Wayne & Patricia Drumheller & Wanda Woods
209 Orchestra Place

Anna Kucinskis
211 Harmony Way

Lidija & Ingo Kampa
222 Harmony Way

Ron Peterson
168 Orchestra Place

HOA

October 2018 SV HOA Board Action Items – Pat Fox, Vice-President

- **Tree Lists:** Approved the updated **Approved** and **Prohibited** tree lists as submitted by the Landscape Tree Subcommittee. (It was determined that the vote for the tree lists at the September Board meeting was not appropriate as only two members voted FOR the motion; therefore, there was a revote in October.)
- **2019 Draft Budget:** Approved the proposed 2019 proposed budget, **which does not include any increase in Association fees**, to be sent to owners for their review.
- **Landscape & Irrigation Contract for 2019:** Approved the 2019 contract with Complete Landscaping for landscaping and irrigation at the same price as 2017 contract.

- **2019 Landscape Opt Outs:** Approved a motion that in 2019, (1) owners will **NOT** be allowed to opt out of lawn service (mowing, fertilizing, and weed control) and (2) owners **WILL BE** allowed to opt out of bed maintenance (mulching, weed control, fertilizing, and trimming of shrubs) and such opting-out must be done by **January 1** and will be enforced for the entire year. (This is due to much confusion and many changes during 2018 making landscaping services very difficult. Residents can still provide extra lawn services if they choose.)



- **Plantings in the Common Area:** Approved a motion regarding private plantings in common areas which states - All trees and shrubs previously planted in the common area shall be allowed to remain. If they die, the owners who planted them have to remove them at their expense. In addition, the Board can require any of these trees or shrubs to be removed in the future at the owner's expense. Any further plantings in the common areas will be removed at the owner's expense. (During Spring 2018 inspections, many private plantings were noted in common areas.)
- **Cameras:** Approved a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to install three to five cameras to cover the bar and lobby areas.
- **Covenants Committee:** Approved adding DeAnn Cheyne as a member of the Covenants Committee.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 5:15 p.m.
Concert Hall

2019 Committee Sign Up

The 2019 Committee sign-up sheets are located on the credenza in the Wall Street Room. If you are currently a Committee Member or would like to join a Committee in 2019, please sign up no later than Wednesday, January 2, 2019. For additional information on each Committee and a summary of their functions, please see the Terms of Reference which is available for viewing and download on the Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Symphony Village Artisans' Guild News



We are very happy to announce that there is a new Art Show! The *Winter and Holiday Art Show* is now ready for viewing in the Concert Hall. We would like to invite the community to a reception on Sunday, November 18, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall. We will have some snacks and a cash bar. Some of the Artists will be there also. We would love to hear some feedback from you.



Winter and Holiday Art will be open until January 12, 2019. At that time we will remove the *Holiday* part and add *Fiber Arts*. Please think about lending us some of your pieces. Remember the pieces have to have a wired back or a dowel for hanging on our system. Think of using a shadow box for smaller works! We have such talented people and want all of the community to share.

The Artisans' Guild will be proposing themes for the year so everyone can start working on a painting, taking pictures, drawing, or creating. It is much fun to dust off the brushes or starting a new hobby altogether

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

The Landscape & Irrigation Committee is proud to introduce our very own webpage for your information and education. With the recent approval by the HOA Board of our Approved Trees List, we needed a method of making this type of information available to you. In addition, there are a lot of other activities and data related to landscaping and irrigation (and trees), which we feel could be of benefit to the community.

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When you enter the Symphony Village Website, you will see the list of categories under Home Page on the left of the screen. A new category entitled [Landscape & Irrigation](#) has been established. If you click on this link, it will take you directly to our new site. Additionally, a new ICON will also appear under the Dashboard, if you prefer that approach. Some of the first icons on our webpage will display information related to trees, shrubs, and perennials; all of which we recommend you consider as you approach modifying or updating any planting areas around your home and/or gardens. Further into the site, you will find detailed descriptions and definitions of

many of our contracted services here in the community. We've included verbiage from our annual contracts with our vendors, interactive maps of our irrigation systems, and the full arborist report on the status and condition of our many trees in Symphony Village. Finally, there is a Frequently Asked Questions section, along with a feedback or comments section where you may submit any questions or just provide general input back to us. It is our expectation that the webpage will be very up-to-date.

Lastly, now that we have planted all the new and replacement trees for this year, we are intending to clean out all those former tree pads that you may be seeing around the community. We have identified about 20 of these "mulch piles" this far, and will contract out a work plan to remove them and get some grass planted in those areas. ... We thank you for your continued support.



Mary Jo Volpicelli, Chair;
Susan Rayner, Communications

It seems the Holidays are upon us just in time for the Nordic air! Our Fall Yard Sale was a huge success in spite of the heavy winds—but luckily, no rain! Forty houses participated this fall and everyone reported good sales. Thank you to all who participated and especially to those who got our “very late” notice to pick up balloons at the Clubhouse, you made our job so much easier.





Veterans Day is just around the corner and Amy & Joe Marotta are hosting their **Veterans Salute Happy Hour on November 17**, 6 pm – 8 pm. Joe has requested that everyone who served send him your name and branch of service ASAP.

On Monday, November 19, Wills & Trusts will be our seminar topic, beginning at 5 p.m. We realized at the last BB&T seminar that this topic was not covered. An Estate Attorney will be joining us at the Clubhouse to discuss these two issues. A lite fare of pizza and salad will be served. We hope you sign up and join in the discussion. For more information please contact Mary Jo Keefe.



Randy Officer is returning on **November 24, at 7 p.m. as our Movie Night** host, and will show the romantic comedy, *Crazy Rich Asians*. Join us for a free movie, popcorn, and left-over Halloween candy. Wait until you see the wedding scene!

The Lifestyle Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Living in Symphony Village gives us all many things to be thankful for, especially our neighbors--our Clubhouse, our pools, the pool operators who donate their time to keep us safe and save us money. A special Thanks goes out to our Board, who hear all the complaints and nary the praise for donating their time and energy. A Thank You goes out to all of the committee members (don't we all do a fabulous job?) and how about the artists who share their beautiful works with us each season? 😊 To our Landscapers, Arborist (volunteers), we thank you. We should all be thankful for our card room, bar, billiard room, putting green, tennis courts, craft room, the exercise room, coffee station, the list is endless. Even if we don't use all of the facilities at hand, they do give us bragging rights. We would like to thank Jim Arnts, who has given us his time and expertise to keep our Movie Nights going, our Music on the Clubhouse system available, who guides us and our speakers through the projection equipment—we'd be lost without him on the Lifestyle Committee. With all of the activities in the Village, we deserve a second slice of pie!



December will be a busy month for Lifestyles. We will start off with Lee and Alan Ettman's **Happy Hour salute to Frank Sinatra on December 7**, beginning at 6 p.m. Ladies get your dancing shoes on!

Paula & Chris Pariseau have a great new event for us—a Tailgate Party for the **Army/Navy game on December 8**, starting at 1 p.m. for tailgate cooking and corn hole games, watching the game at 3 p.m., and eating until we burst. With so many retired Army/Navy residents this should be a good time had by all. For those faint of heart, we will watch the game and eat inside the Clubhouse, but we will have the grill outside for the hardier among us. There is a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse Lifestyle Committee Book.



Susan and Larry Rayner will once again host the **Caroling Party**. We tried to call it a Wassailing Party, but the tradition was too hard to explain. **Join in Wednesday, December 12**, a lite fare supper of soups & artisan breads will be offered to warm us up before we hit the road with songbooks in hand. We will have warm wassail on hand as well as other libations. Bring your jingle bells, mittens, and hats because we know it will be cold. In case of bad weather, watch your email for snow dates. The party begins at 6 p.m. and we go out at 6:45 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book. We would like a musical leader this year, someone who can try to keep us on pitch, and try to tell us what to sing and when. We hope our residents in the Chorale will join in this year, we need help, especially after the wassail, (now you have to look up the tradition).



Were you born in October, November, or December? If so, Zina Lichaa has a party planned for you! Last December she co-hosted her party with the Ettmans, but this year it is all about you balanced Libras, passionate Scorpios, absent minded Sagittarius, and timeless Capricorns. Please sign up in the Activities Book if you plan to attend. Don't miss this **Birthday Happy Hour on December 15**.



Finally, we come to the end of a marvelous year. To celebrate, join the Lifestyle Committee for the annual **New Year's Eve Party**. We have a terrific DJ lined up for 9 p.m., but don't hesitate to come as early as 8 p.m. Donna & Skip will have the bar open, Kerri Giuriceo has planned a great party with hats and noise makers, oh, that's us, but I'm sure she'll have some horns on hand. We are asking that everyone pay the \$5 fee in advance; there is a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book, Wall Street Room.



From the Lifestyle Committee—Happy Holidays!

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

Save the Date!!

10th Annual Symphony Village Card Party

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Symphony Village Clubhouse

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

More information will follow in early December

10th Annual Outreach Food Drive - A Huge Success! – Loretta Quigley, Event Chair



On behalf of your SV Outreach team, a very heartfelt thank you to all of you who participated in this year's food drive with a gift of non-perishable food and to those who sponsored one or more \$10 gift cards to Acme and Food Lion. These gifts are an "extra," marking the milestone of our 10th year of partnership with QAC Social Services in this endeavor. Both grocery chains joined in, giving a total of 15 cards, enabling us to present a total of 73 gift cards, upping our original goal of 50, in addition to our food collection. We are so thankful for their support!

Social Services surprised us with a plaque commemorating the 10 years of partnership with Outreach. The woman with Loretta is Jone Taylor MA LCPC NCC (the Nurturing Program Coordinator).

We collected 2,175 items of food that were given to Social Services to be distributed in time for Thanksgiving festivities. Amazing!

Many thanks to our friends who offered their homes as collection sites and helped deliver our bounty: Sue and Dave Peterson, Linda Blume, Larry and Carol Hodges, Willie and John DiLaura, Mary and Bob Ciesielski, Scott and Rosemary Page, Lloyd and Betty McAtee, Carol and Mel Porosoff, Kathy and Tom McManus, Carlene and Jim Cooke, Linda and Bob Farrar, and Candi and Bob Nilsson. We couldn't do it without all of you, and your team spirit is so appreciated! The team from SV is in the photo along with helpers from Social Services who helped unload the bounty.



Mel Porosoff, John DiLaura, Candy Nilsson, Bob Farrar, Mary Ciesielski, Kathy McManus, Larry Hodges, Bob Ciesielski, Scott & Rosemary Page, Loretta Quigley, Lloyd McAtee, Jone Taylor, and helpers

I am delighted that our neighborhood truly makes a difference in the lives of so many in so many ways!

Shredding Event Was Spectacular! — *Sue Canfield*
Symphony Village Outreach sends a great big THANK YOU to all the residents who gave us their very private documents to dispose of for them! Your donations amounted to an unbelievable \$830. This was only achievable because Mary Ciesielski donated the shredding truck for us to use.

Mary not only donated the “shredder,” but also helped during the 2-hour event. A special thank you also to Pat Toole, Sue Peterson, and Terri O’Connell for all your help during the event. Thank you again to all of you who made donations so we can continue to help our beneficiaries.

Thank You for Your Support!

Dinner at Doc’s for Outreach! — *Sue Canfield*

When I walked into Doc’s on October 3 for the SV Outreach’s event, I thought I was at a Happy Hour in our Clubhouse. Everywhere I looked I saw the faces of friends and neighbors from the Village. The conversations ran the same theme: talking about how wonderful this event was. The Villagers appeared to be stimulated due to the good food and different atmosphere. It’s always fun to get out and about.

We received a check for the amount of \$350, which, remember, was 10% of their sales! Doc’s had a good night! We had a good night! And Symphony Village Outreach had a good night! Thank you, Doc’s! Thank you, Villagers!

THANK YOU for supporting Symphony Village Outreach!

Bingo — Willie DiLaura



Just in time for the holidays! The Bingo Jackpot on December 14 will be \$200 with 56 numbers to be

called. We’ll be selling pizza for \$2 starting at 6:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Come join in the fun! Bring your grandchildren, etc.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice-Chair

Libretto Index

David Gallup has been doing an excellent job of developing the *Libretto* Index located on the [Libretto page](#) of the SV Website. All of the articles are listed, except the SV events and reports with the date of the *Libretto* in which it appears. To find that *Libretto*, go to the *Libretto* Archives found on

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the same *Libretto* page. Should you be interested in restaurants in the area, you will find the review listed there. For example, to see a review of Hemingway's you will find it in the June 2011 *Libretto*.

SNEAKERS — Linda Farrar, President; Correspondent, Sandee Love

Sneakers Artistic Gala

What an elegant evening of fun and conversation was had at the Sneakers Artistic Gala, and the best part was that all the money raised will benefit the public schools in our area. This was our 14th Annual Fundraiser and as a result, Sneakers has contributed over \$120,000 to Queen Anne's Public Schools in the Centreville area.

The new ballroom was beautifully decorated and filled with lots of raffle items and lots of delicious food.



Many of our residents and our invited educators opened their pockets to support the worthy Sneakers projects such as: giving new books to all elementary school children twice a year under our "Readers are Leaders" program; supplementing the middle school outdoor education program so that all who want to are able to attend; and awarding college scholarships to deserving high schoolers.

We also adopt many families for the holidays providing both clothing and toys for a joyous holiday season.

The Gala committee was co-chaired by Margo Wagner, Jo Kirchner, and Janet O'Connor, who was responsible for all the delicious food. They and their committee worked many tireless hours. There were many others who helped in numerous ways to make the event successful including some special friends of Sneakers. We thank them for volunteering all their time and talents.

Of course, we cannot thank our sponsors enough: Queenstown Bank, Draper Brothers Liquors, and Mary Ciesielski of Long and Foster. Through their generosity and that of other donors, all the money raised will go directly to the school programs.

This year we mixed things up with the fundraiser and asked our residents to donate artistic items to be raffled off. It was great to see what creative items were donated. We truly have very talented residents. A huge thank you to all who contributed.

Also, this year we had a grand raffle. The prize was all of 2019 HOA dues paid by Sneakers. The winners of this were Jim and Terry O'Connell.

Believe it or not, Sneakers is already working on next year's fundraiser, so put Saturday November 2, 2019 on your calendar.

Thank you Symphony Village for being so caring and supportive.

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Santa Tree

You can make a difference in a child's holiday by choosing a tag from our Santa Tree located in the Wall Street Room. School Counselors in our local schools have identified worthy families that need help with the holidays.

Please consider purchasing a gift that the family has requested, wrapping it, attaching the identifying tag and a gift slip, and returning it to the Wall Street Room by December 7. Directions are on the table under the tree.

If possible, also enclose an age-appropriate book.

Thanks a million!

Upcoming Book Giveaways

We now have the dates for the first book giveaways for the year. They are as follows:

- Centreville Elementary — Tuesday, November 27
- Kennard Elementary — Friday, November 30
- Sudlersville Elementary — Thursday, December 6
- Church Hill Elementary — Wednesday, December 12

Please sign up to help in the Activities Book.

Centreville Elementary School Holiday Concert

It is that time of year again when Centreville Elementary School thanks the residents of Symphony Village for all they do for the school by serenading us. Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Concert by the Centreville Elementary School students on Friday, December 14, at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall. Hope to see you there.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

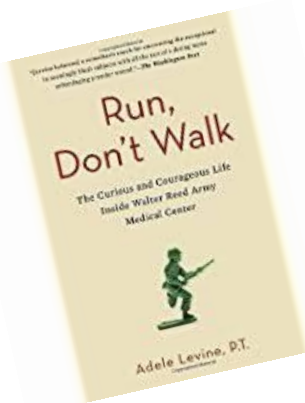
Bird Club – Linda Blume



If you have seed bird feeders in your back yard, or if you like to watch the birds while out for walks, the Mourning Dove is easy to identify. This is a medium-sized, graceful, slender-tailed, small-headed dove that is common here in SV and across the USA. You'll often see them perched on roof tops or foraging for seeds on the ground. Their flight is fast and bullet-straight. Their soft, drawn-out calls sound like laments (a very distinctive "cooOOoo-woo-woo-woooo"). Mourning Doves are here year-round, so you will see them often.

Reading for Fun – October 2018 Review – Joe Sikes

The SV Book Club met on October 23 to review *Run, Don't Walk* by Adele Levine. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Peggy Decker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Susan Goldberg, Bob Nilsson, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Cathy Olson, Charlotte Kurst, Lee Ettman, and JoAnn Walker.



The author was a physical therapist at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) who worked specifically in the amputee ward. She relates the day-to-day struggles in this unique ward while assisting the nation's wounded warriors in their struggle to rebuild their shattered lives. In addition to the challenges of their physical injuries, most were also dealing with complications from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The therapy took place in a small glassed-in gym, which the patients

and therapists referred to as the "Fishbowl." Numerous groups toured through daily, often with celebrities, to observe these brave patriots in their journey to recovery. While the attention was often welcome, it did sometimes make the patients and therapists understand what it would be like to live in a zoo.

Ms. Levine's anecdotes on the daily struggle describe the intense, chaotic nature of rebuilding lives, while also amplifying the fierce camaraderie that developed in the process. She highlights, throughout the book, the mordant sense of humor that permeated the Fishbowl and helped everyone survive and thrive in their daily quest for recovery. For me, the eye-opener was the basic physical strength necessary to be achieved even before amputees could be fitted with prosthetics. As fantastic as some modern prosthetics have become, they are of little use until the amputee has become strong enough to walk on short prosthetics called "stubbies." While heartwarming news reports show us the end of the process, the amount of hard work that precedes these moments is hard to comprehend.



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Ms. Levine also recounts numerous characters that inhabit the ward, both patients and visitors. While many are fictional, based on an amalgamation of real people she encountered, one character near the end of the book is very real. Bob the Builder worked for the company that constructed the ward and the subsequent move to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Bob served as a Marine in Vietnam and was immediately attracted to the bravery, resolve, and ingenuity of these wounded warriors, becoming a regular presence in the ward. He became their unofficial cheerleader, telling them they were “incredible” at every chance. Bob was so moved that he founded the “**100 Entrepreneurs Foundation**,” a non-profit organization dedicated to providing guidance, advice, and inspiration to these amazing warriors and their families as they seek a new life after their injuries. (Check it out at <http://100entproject.org>.)

We are so proud to have Bob “the Builder” Nilsson as part of our community and book club. As you might imagine, Bob brought amazing insights to our discussion of the book. *Run, Don’t Walk* received a score of 8.25 out of 10, putting it in the top ten books reviewed over the last twelve years.

Due to many book club members being busy during Thanksgiving, we decided to skip our November meeting and discuss our next book at our December meeting as described below.

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 listed below. As you can see there is no November meeting.

November 20 — No meeting

December 18 — *Missing, Presumed* by Susie Steiner

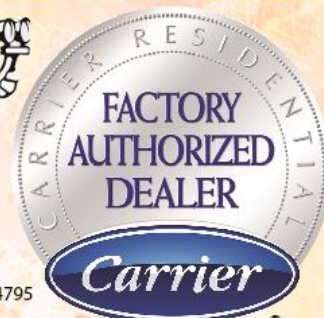
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Lunch Bunch – *Bea Trotta & Marge Strano*

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, December 6, at 12:30 p.m. at Hunter's Tavern located at 101 East Dover Street, Easton. Hunter's Tavern is situated in the Historic Tidewater Inn and is well known for its delicious American cuisine. The sign-up sheet is in the Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. We look forward to this very special luncheon at Hunter's Tavern on a bright and crisp early winter day.

Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and click on *Dashboard*. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon near the bottom of the page. If you sign up online, you do not need to sign up in the Club Activities Book. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have a question or need a ride.



Dining In

There is no Dining In in November due to Thanksgiving. There will be a Holiday Brunch on December 16 at noon. Sharon and Jim Roe are hosting 35 people (who have already signed up) at their home. If another host comes forward, another group can enjoy brunch. The volunteer host does not need to host 35. They should indicate how many people they would like to entertain. Remember, the host asks each one to bring something. Please sign up in the Activities Book. This is always a fun affair.

Quilting – *Carlene Cooke*



Cyndi Lauper’s song says that ‘girls just want to have fun,’ and that is certainly true of the Symphony Village Quilting Group. At our first ever Halloween Party, we made colorful pumpkins using rolls of toilet tissue. Pictured is Before on left and After on right! (Pictured: Peggy Dedrick, Karen King, Courtney Pilgrim, Lillian Sheehan, Pat Kindle, Sue Peterson)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Neighbor of Note – *Peggy Decker* – *Cathy Olson*

Lots of Symphony Villagers want to know more about Peggy Decker who is married to Art Decker. I’ve often teased her that it is not a coincidence that she married a fella named “Art” since it is her passion. I asked her, recently, when she became interested in artwork. Peggy admitted that she has always been interested in anything related to art since she was a young child. Originally from Colorado, Peggy obtained a BA in education from Northern Colorado State University then continued her studies at NCSU to receive her masters from Walden University. She taught home economics, special education, and it is no surprise that she was also a craft teacher. She retired from her job in 2007 after 25 years of teaching.



Peggy and Art moved to Symphony Village from California four years ago to be closer to their two children and grandson, who live in the area. You might be interested to know that Peggy lived in Australia from 1981-1985 where she did underwater diving at Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef! Wow Peggy, you are full of surprises.

Watercolor, her favorite media, became her new creative outlet in 2012. She paints a variety of subjects; animals and people are her primary focus. Peggy has always admired Anders Zorn, a Swedish painter, and Joseph Zbukvic, an Australian painter. She has attended many workshops in California and Maryland to enhance her painting style. Her paintings have been exhibited in Southern California as well as Florida and Maryland. I found it interesting

that before moving to Centreville, after canvassing the local area for art museums, Peggy joined the QAC Arts Council, where she later became an active volunteer.

Peggy has studied under many California artists and is currently studying with St Michaels' longtime resident, and well-known artist, Barbara Jablin.

I first met Peggy at a Ladies Happy Hour where we discussed a desire and a need for watercolor classes at SV. Since then, she has been instrumental in organizing art classes and events in our wonderful community. In addition to our art group that meets on Thursdays, she approached Pat Fox and Sue Canfield about SV artists decorating the walls of our new Clubhouse Concert Hall. This led to the creation of the SV Artisans' Guild that meets every month in the conference room. Recent art exhibits have been enjoyed by many of our residents and visitors.

Peggy told me her wish is to get more people at SV involved in the art world by attending our painting group on Thursdays and more artists joining the Artisans' Guild. Let's help Peggy get her wish! Thank you, Peggy, for being such an involved resident of our art world at Symphony Village.

Toys for Tots – Juana Ridgway



Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy or gift for the "Toys for Tots" program. All donated items are greatly appreciated. Children of all ages are in need. Suggested items for older children include, but are not limited to: backpacks, sporting equipment, watches, wallets, board games, hair dryers, curling irons, purses, books, helmets, cosmetics, makeup, and skateboards.

Please note that the "Toys for Tots" program always receives an "over abundance" of stuffed animals which they cannot "store" if they are not distributed. Also, items not accepted are food products and realistic toy guns. SV collection boxes can be found at the following locations from November 12 through December 15: the SV Clubhouse "Wall Street Room" and Ellen Reid: (206 Harmony Way). All donations will be turned over to the "Toys for Tots" program at the American Legion post on Route 213 for distribution here in Centreville.

A Welcome Addition: Nick McCaul – Debi Wells, P&C Committee

Wonder why everything is running so smoothly throughout the Clubhouse and its grounds? We now have a maintenance professional on our staff! His name is Nick. You'll immediately know him by his friendly smile, calm demeanor, and constant helpful activity around the Clubhouse. If you'd like to know more about Nick than the fact he's hooked on college football, please continue reading!

Raised in the Sunshine State, Nick moved to Annapolis in 2009 to become a partner in his dad's family-owned maintenance business. Wanting a change, he looked to the Eastern Shore and accepted a job opportunity in Queen Anne's County. While that job opportunity did not materialize, he and his girlfriend, Kelly, visited Centreville and felt like it was home. Luckily for us, the timing was right for a position to open at Symphony Village, which Nick applied for and accepted. Now, Nick and Kelly are



building a home locally for themselves and Zeus, an American pit bull they adopted from the Queen Anne County Animal Welfare League. Nick was sure to say it's all about how you train your dog that makes the difference between a well behaved pet and one that could be a concern. Nick and Kelly have made it a priority

to train Zeus. Nick said that he's a gentle pet, but knows how to sound an alarm (BARK! BARK!) to protect his owners.

In addition to supporting requests from the Symphony Village General Manager, Assistant General Manager, and residents, Nick evaluates the Clubhouse premises daily to keep an eye out for potential issues. He concentrates on preventative maintenance, with safety as his priority for residents. Additionally, he is learning the audio visual equipment in Concert Hall A and B to further help residents. You can't ask for better customer satisfaction than someone who cares and wants to help as much as possible! We welcome Nick and are glad he has joined our efficient HOA staff.

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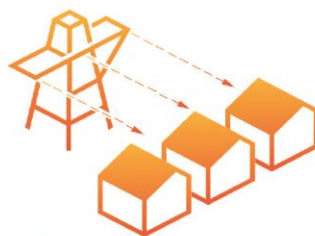
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Queen Anne's Chorale – Eleanor Strietman



If you haven't already done so, it's time to mark your calendar for the annual holiday concert of the Queen Anne's Chorale. It will be held on Saturday, December 1, at 7 p.m. at

the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. The theme this year is "Peace on Earth" featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," which the Chorale will sing accompanied by a chamber orchestra. Of course, we'll also sing some seasonal selections, and we'll invite you to sing along on several. Visit this website - <http://www.qachorale.org/our-concerts> - for a bit more information about this concert AND for very early information about our spring concert!

You'll notice that the link also has information about our concert in April because this is a very special season for the Chorale. We're celebrating our **30th Anniversary!!!** We've thought a lot about how to celebrate, and we think we've come up with a great idea. It's called "**30th for 30.**" Here's what that means...

The adult ticket price for our concerts is \$20. "**30th for 30**" is a special season pass allowing you entry to **both** our December and April concerts for \$30. The choice is yours; you can purchase single concert tickets for \$20 or a season pass for \$30. (Children through high school will still be admitted free of charge, of course.)

You may purchase a ticket to the December concert or a "30th for 30" pass now from any Chorale member. Members living in SV who are singing in the December concert (and have tickets to sell) are: Linda Blume, Jack and Ruth Denny, Kathryn Marchi, Joyce Ordun, John Parham, Luann Sackrider, Tom Scull, Jack Walsh, Jan Withers, Chorale President Carlene Cooke, and me, Eleanor Strietman.

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, November 16	½ lb. Shrimp, 2 Soft Crabs, and 1 Crab Cake Dinner
Friday, November 23	TBA
Friday, November 30	Fried Oyster Dinner
Friday, December 7	Meatloaf Dinner
Friday, December 14:	Annual Post #18 Deer Feast

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

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the OAC Library

Saturday, November 17	drop in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	Design a Cookie Cutter (Family event; free)
Tuesday, November 20	11 a.m. – noon	Book Art Turkeys (Free; you bring an old book to use) (Pre-register on the website)

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Saturday, November 24	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Stuff You Missed - 3D Printing for Adults (Free) Pre-register on the website)
Thursday, November 29	noon – 1 p.m.	Story Time for Grown Ups (Free) (Pre-register on the website)
Thursday, November 29	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	The Office Trivia Night (Free) (Pre-register on the website)
Friday, November 30	2 – 4 p.m.	Friday Movie - Christopher Robin (Free)
Thursday, December 13	noon – 1 p.m.	Story Time for Grown Ups (Free) (Pre-register on the website)

SV Artists Get Creative – Susan Rayner

Two of our Artists have teamed up in time for the holidays, or any time of year. These beautiful notecards are now on sale at Half Full, located in Stevensville. The Lifestyle Committee is using them as Thank You cards. I'm personally using them as invitations and notecards. It's wonderful showing off our community to those who live far away. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Thanks to Bonnie Griffith (the black & white, pen & ink rendition) and Cathy Olson (her watercolor impression) for creating these cards. If you'd like to purchase them directly from Cathy, please give her a call 443 262-8458.



CERT News — John Olson, CERT, Coordinator

Cybersecurity Tips

Learning about ways to protect your identity and personal information online is just as important as understanding how to use the latest technology. Making safer and smarter decisions online should include following these tips:

Create passwords and make them strong. If you do not use the password feature on your internet-enabled devices, you leave them open to whomever may pick them up. Lock all of your devices including computer, tablet and smartphone with secure passwords. A strong password is at least 12 characters long. Strong password tips include the use of a mix of letters, numbers and symbols, and do not include personal information.

Secure access to your accounts. Since passwords can be stolen, adding two-step authentication to accounts provides a second layer of protection. Many online services offer this free option.

Secure access to your devices. Keep your mobile devices in your possession at all times and always be aware of your surroundings.

Think before you act. Emails and communications that create a sense of urgency such as a problem with your bank account or taxes are likely a scam. Most businesses or organizations don't ask for your personal information over email. Beware of any requests to update or confirm your personal information. Avoid opening attachments, clicking on links, or responding to email messages from unknown senders or companies that ask for your personal information.



When in doubt, throw it out. Clicking on links in emails is often how scammers get access to personal information. If an email looks unusual, even if you know the person who sent it, it's best to delete it. Remember that scammers can commandeer friends' email addresses and send you messages posing as them. Turn on spam filters for your email account to help filter suspicious messages.

Share with care. Be aware of what you share publicly on social media sites like Facebook. Adjust your privacy settings to limit who can see your information. Avoid sharing your location. It is important to add only people you know on social media sites; adding strangers could expose you and your personal information to scammers.

Use security software. Install security software on your devices from a reliable source and keep it updated. Be wary of security updates from pop-up ads or emails. They may actually be malware.

Adjust your browser safety settings. Adjust your browser settings for optimum security. Consider clearing your browsing history at the end of your session so you don't leave a trail of sensitive data.

Log out. Remember to log out of apps and websites when you are done.

If you have questions, there are more tips as well as home safety information on the Symphony Village CERT web site <http://sv-info.org/cert-files/homeowners.html>.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, November 18**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults.

Compass Regional Hospice Candlelight Remembrance Service



Compass Regional Hospice will host a [Candlelight Remembrance Service](#) on **Sunday, November 18**, 4 – 6 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (301 S. Liberty Street) in Centreville. The centerpiece of the Candlelight Remembrance Service is the reading of the names of loved ones who have passed away. Families of patients who have passed away under Compass Regional Hospice care, as well as, members of the community are invited to bring the names of their loved ones who they would like to be remembered during the

holiday season. For more information or to RSVP, contact Rhonda Knotts, 443-262-4109, rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org.

Compass Regional Hospice Hope and Healing Holiday Workshop



Hope & Healing

Compass Regional Hospice will host a [Hope and Healing Workshop](#) on **Saturday, December 1**, 9:30 a.m. – noon, at the Hope and Healing Center (255 Comet Drive) in Centreville. Attendees are encouraged to come for conversation and creative activities designed to help those grieving the loss of a loved one during the holiday season. Space is limited, and the cost is \$10 per person, but no one will be turned

away based on inability to pay. For more information or to register, contact Linda Turner, 443-262-4120 or lturner@compassregionalhospice.org.

7th Annual Centreville Tree Lighting Ceremony



The [Tree Lighting Ceremony](#) will take place on **Wednesday, December 5**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., on Court House Square. Children are welcome to bring ornaments (homemade are favorites) to decorate the tree. Santa will be there to listen to everyone's Christmas list.

Centreville Christmas Parade



The [Centreville Christmas Parade](#) will take place on **Friday, December 7**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is *The Greatest Gift of All*. The parade will not be affected by the ongoing road construction. Refer to the website for the parade's route. The rain date is December 14.

22nd Annual Heck with the Malls Artisans' Sale



[The Heck with the Malls Artisans' Sale](#) will be held on **Saturday, December 8**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (301 S. Liberty Street), and other locations in Centreville. Over 40 vendors will be selling unique gifts and handmade items including pottery, jewelry, woodwork, artisan soaps, books, hand knit and sewn accessories, embroidery, paintings, prints, greeting cards, toys, ornaments, glassware, photography, beading sea glass, and much more.

Christmas Bazaar



Our Mother of Sorrows will host a [Christmas Bazaar](#) on **Saturday, December 8**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Corbaley Hall (301 Homewood Avenue) in Centreville. There will be vendors, crafts, a silent auction, a Secret Santa room for children, and a white elephant room. The kitchen will offer chicken and dumplings, crab soup, desserts, bread pudding, and more.

Holiday Candlelit Tour of Historic Country Homes



The Queen Anne's County Legacy Foundation will host [Holiday Tour](#) on **Saturday, December 8**, 1 – 6 p.m. For anyone who has ever wanted to peek inside an historic Victorian or Colonial home during the holidays, here is the chance. The Holiday Candlelight Tour of Historic Country Homes is a decades old tradition in Queen Anne's County. The tour provides a glimpse back in time with holly laden fireplaces, candle lit dining rooms, and wreaths on historic front porches. Begin your tour in an historic village on a traditional country square at the oldest Courthouse in continual use in America. Walk through Colonial and Victorian homes and a local artisans bazaar. Warm your hands at a bonfire. Tickets are \$25 each for seniors and may be obtained on the website.

Coffee House 206 Concert Series



The Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts and the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library will jointly present [Stef Scaggiari](#) in concert on **Friday, December 14**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Come listen to Stefan Scaggiari, a musical treasure in our midst. Stefan, a Centreville resident, is a pianist, composer, arranger, recording artist, and vocalist. He has performed both nationally and internationally as a jazz and classical pianist. Tickets are \$20 each for an evening of holiday music, wine, and light hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the

QAC Library.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press "Event Source Links" on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.