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SYMPHONY VILLAGE 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.

SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME NIGHT

Monday, September 23. 7 p.m.

Emails will be sent to all new families who have moved to Symphony Village in the past 8 months. Any resident(s) who has not been to a Welcome Night is urged to attend. More information in the September *Libretto*.

Sign-up in Activities Book.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS

July 29, 2019

Pat Fox, Vice President

- **Replacement of Three (3) Existing Surveillance Cameras:** Approved a motion to hire Chesapeake Home Theatre to replace the three battery-operated surveillance cameras covering the Clubhouse foyer, living room, and bar area with cameras that are electrically hard-wired and connected to a DVR at a cost of \$2,673. The motion approved with four (4) yes votes and one (1) no vote.
- **Reconstruction of Tot Lot:** Approved a motion to hire Complete Landscaping to replace the exterior wooden framework with a plastic playground border and remove woodchips and fill with playground safe woodchips at a cost of \$5,900. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Paint and Repair Wrought Iron Fencing:** Approved a motion to hire Ray's Painting to paint and repair three (3) wrought iron fence sections at a cost of \$3,800. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Housing for Older Persons Act Age Affidavit Survey:** Approved a motion to mail to SV owners/residents a survey confirming all residents are at least 55 years of age or older per the Queen Anne's County/Town of Centreville's approvals for Symphony Village to exist as an age-restricted community. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Removal of Dead Trees in 2019:** Approved a motion to issue a statement of work for bids to remove eight dead or dying trees at an anticipated cost of \$1,500. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Planting of Fall Trees in 2019:** Approved a motion to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bids to plant 15 replacement common area trees at an anticipated cost of \$5,525. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Recommended Tree Services for 2019:** Unanimously approved a motion to issue a statement of work for bids to perform multiple services to help sustain the life of existing common area trees and inspect safety of perimeter trees at an anticipated cost of \$16,800, including:
 - Removing excess soil on root flares of spruce, pine, fir, and maple trees for better oxygen absorption;
 - Treat spruces and firs for spider mites;
 - Prune maple tree crowns that have died.;
 - Install sod in two locations where trees continue to die due to standing water and poor drainage; and
 - Perform a perimeter inspection of trees along the border of SV in search of unstable trees or branches that may pose a risk to nearby homes.
- **Clubhouse Shrubbery Restoration in 2019:** Approved a motion to issue an RFP for bids to evaluate beds in the full Clubhouse property and to remove dead, dying and overgrown/misplaced shrubs and grasses at an anticipated cost not to exceed \$2,800. New landscaping is being planned for 2020 under a separate contract. The motion was carried with four (4) yes votes and one (1) no vote.
- **Landscape and Irrigation Contractor Services in 2020:** Approved a motion to hire Level Green Landscaping for three years to handle the landscaping needs of SV starting in 2020 at a cost of \$242,328 for years 1 and 2 and \$254,500 for year 3 and the irrigation contract at a cost of \$31,250 per year for three years. Extensive work went into the effort to make a thorough evaluation of candidates via requesting a written proposal, conducting interviews, checking references, and visiting other candidate job sites. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Acoustic Ceiling Installation for Concert Hall:** Approved a motion to hire Snap Wall, Inc., an acoustic contractor, to install an acoustic ceiling in the full, expanded concert hall to correct the sound and noise problem at a cost of \$36,300. In addition, C. Albert Mathews, an electrical contractor used by SV, was hired to assist the contractor during the installation with removing and reinstalling the fixtures and other hard-wired ceiling equipment at a cost of \$2,688. The motion was approved with three (3) yes votes and two (2) no votes.
- **CD Rollover:** An electronic vote was taken on July 1, 2019 to roll over the \$235,000 TIAA Bank CD for two years at a 2.60% interest rate. This was passed unanimously. The vote was ratified at the August 2, 2019 HOA meeting and carried unanimously.



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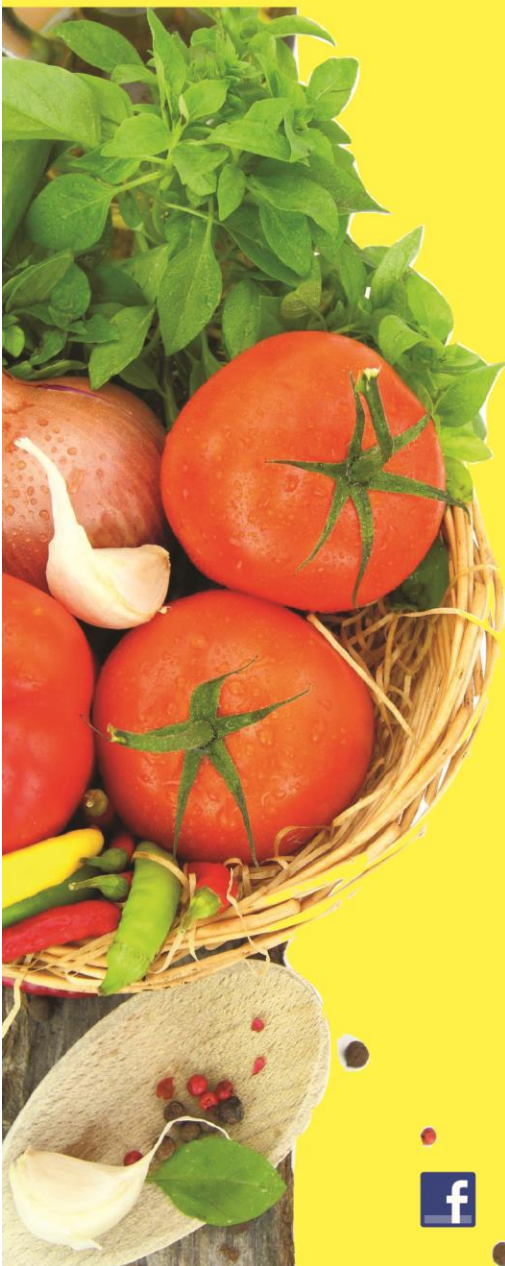
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SV NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALERT!

ELECTIONS NOTIFICATION – JANE ROMANY

At the Annual HOA Meeting scheduled for December 4, Symphony Village Homeowners will vote to fill two (2) vacancies on the Homeowners Association Board of Directors. In September, the Nominating Committee will issue a formal “Call for Nominations” to the community. At that time, you may nominate yourself; or if you know a homeowner you feel cares about our community, is respectful of others, and has demonstrated that they can work well as a team, please nominate him or her for one of these positions.

The process will continue throughout the next few months with proxy voting in the November time frame, and the final election and results announced at the December 4 HOA meeting. The Nominating Committee will keep all homeowners updated throughout the process.

Symphony Village is very important to all of us, and we want to keep it as the vibrant, attractive, upscale community it has grown to be. Please give serious thought on your nominations.

Please watch for further instructions in the September edition of the *Libretto*.

Thank you all very much!

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AGE RESTRICTED COMMUNITY SURVEY – HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS ACT

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT SVHOA

Each resident/owner of Symphony Village will soon receive a mailing with an age verification form attached. This information is requested by Queen Anne’s County to insure we are in compliance with our SV Declaration that states we are 100 % occupied by at least one individual per household that is at least 55 years of age. **This is a very important paper to complete and return to the Clubhouse.** You will note in the attached explanation that non-compliance with this “55 and up” requirement will subject us to paying the QAC school tax from which we are now exempt. It could also possibly nullify our 100%, “55 and up” status allowing 20% of our units to be occupied by owners/residents of any age. We are a very unique active adult community having been approved with the 100% senior age requirement as many have the 80%/20% proportion. Thanks for your cooperation and prompt return of these forms.

Anita Gruss
Manager



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NEW SOCIAL HOUR AND BAR PROCEDURE

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT SVHOA

Earlier this year someone wrote a letter to the Queen Anne's County Liquor Control Inspector asking why Symphony Village can serve drinks and not have a liquor license. The Board and General Manager have had a number of discussions and meetings with County officials to solve the matter. A suggestion from the County Attorney is what we have recently implemented. We no longer have any donations being taken at the bar. Instead we have our Social Hour memberships that you can deposit in marked boxes located in the Clubhouse. Skip Kornmeyer and Donna Donaldson have worked out the logistics of this plan. We all thank our residents for your honest participation in this effort.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

HOA	6 p.m.	Friday, September 27	Concert Hall
Artisans Guild	1 p.m.	Thursday, September 12	Conference Room
Budget & Finance	10 a.m.	Thursday, August 22	Concert Hall
Covenants	6:30 p.m.	Tuesday, September 3	Concert Hall
Landscape & Irrigation	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, August 20	Concert Hall
Lifestyle	7 p.m.	Monday, September 19	Concert Hall
Operations	9:30 a.m.	Thursday, August 15	Concert Hall
Publications & Communications	3 p.m.	Tuesday, September 3	Concert Hall
Outreach	3 p.m.	Wednesday, August 28	Concert Hall
Sneakers	3 p.m.	Wednesday, August 21	Concert Hall
Neighbor to Neighbor	7 p.m.	Wednesday, September 18	Concert Hall
CERT	4 p.m.	Tuesday, August 20	Concert Hall

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD NEWS – SUE CANFIELD

1. The acoustics in the Bernstein and Copland Rooms are being addressed and a new treatment will be added to the ceiling, tentatively the **week of October 13**.
2. *Vacations Art* — Pick-up date -**Sunday, September 29**
3. New Show: *Winter and the Holidays*
Saturday, October 26: Submit Art
Sunday, October 27 — 4 - 6 p.m.: Reception
Saturday, January 11, 2020 – 10 a.m. - noon: Pick up Art

4. New Show: *Open* (choose anything you like)
Saturday, January 11, 2020 – 10 a.m. - noon: Submit Art
Sunday, January 12, 2020 – 4 - 6 p.m.: Reception

We also are scheduling new Saturday classes.

September 21 – Tentative Class with Chris O’Neill Watercolor /Acrylic \$40 pp
Possibly painting a boat (all of us together) to learn techniques. www.christineoneill.com
Beginners welcome! If you’ve never painted, please join us on **Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Craft Room (painting and more) to experiment to see if you want to invest your time and money.
We will share supplies and get you started.

October 5 - Class with Barbara Scheihing (<https://barbarascheihing.com>).
Beginners welcome. Possibly painting a snow scene (for upcoming Show - Winter)
Price to be determined. The more students, the lower the price.

COVENANTS – DEBI WELLS, CHAIR

SEPTEMBER 3, 6:30 P.M.: COVENANTS COMMITTEE -- SEPTEMBER EVENING MEETING

To accommodate residents unable to attend the (first Tuesday monthly) 10 a.m. meeting, the Covenants Committee will hold the **September 3** meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please mark your calendar! If you have a covenant topic of interest, please email it to Debi Wells (DebWells2011@gmail.com) -- we will do our best to include it, dependent upon time constraints of other business topics.

Your Covenants Committee does its best to review exterior modifications in a timely manner and strives to continually streamline (and, hopefully, lessen) requirements. We currently have committees working on training for new Covenants members and broadening exterior paint colors.

Among other projects, we recently finalized a ‘welcome’ letter for new residents to apprise them (in less than one page) of the community's covenants process. Soon, a new covenants subcommittee will convene for about two hours weekly to review and update the HOA [Architectural Requirements](#) document. (Can also be found on the Dashboard on the [Website](#).)

Covenants can be interesting and are important ... just like Symphony Village residents! It can be a fulfilling experience to occasionally attend a meeting and/or serve on the Symphony Village Covenants Committee to assist neighbors. We hope to see you on **Tuesday September 3**, at 6:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLE – MARY JO VOLPICELLI, CHAIR; SUSAN RAYNER, VICE CHAIR



Summer may be winding down, but the Lifestyle Committee isn't. We still have lots of great events coming your way. We also have a special request: for events requiring sign-up, **please** don't wait until the cut-off day. Sign up early! For the Event Planners, it is very stressful to think the Event won't happen due to lack of interest, then have many sign-ups at the last minute or calls after the cut-off date. The Planners then have to scramble for seats, food, and a lot of details you don't think about (table numbers, centerpieces, wrist bands, etc.). Lifestyle wants to continue bringing you great events, so please help us out. Sign up early!

We will host another Wet Wild Wednesday in August with Grilled Hot Dogs and Drinks just like June 19 and July 17. Watch for our eBlast labeled SV Residents, our Nextdoor (ECHOES) postings, and a Poster in the Wall Street Room. Labor Day is coming up fast, and we'll celebrate on **Sunday, September 1**. Acme will supply a fabulous menu featuring their famous Fried Chicken, BBQ Ribs, cole slaw, baked beans, and potato wedges. Attention all SV Dessert Makers!!! We look forward to the delicious desserts prepared by our outstanding neighbors. Please let us know if you can contribute a dessert for the Groaning Table. As usual, we will gather at noon and begin serving at 12:30 p.m. Watch for the eBlast, ECHOES, and Poster for more details. A sign-up sheet will be in the Wall Street Room; please sign up early! Cost is \$15 per person, \$10 for children age ten and under. This is our last picnic of the year; come out and make it the best one yet.

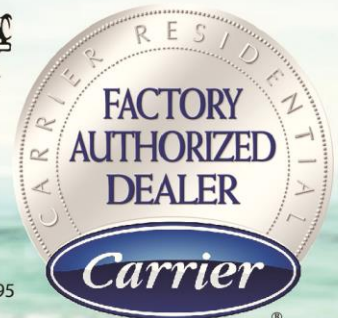
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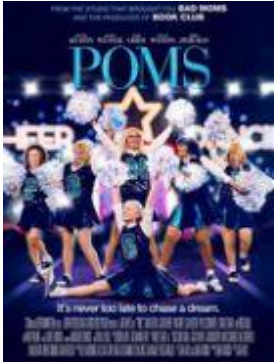
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There will be two important Seminars in September. The topic is so broad that we will hold two sessions. On **Thursday, September 12**, the subject will be the “10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s.” On **Thursday, September 19**, “Communicating with People with Dementia” will be covered. Our Speaker is Jane Bateman, who holds a BS in Health Care Administration from the University of Phoenix and is currently the Client Care Manager for Home Instead Senior Care. As our parents age, as we age, as our friends and neighbors age, most of us are dealing with these issues. These seminars may prove to be the best ones you attend all year. Although there is no cost, sign-up is necessary, and all details will be sent out via eBlast, ECHOES, and poster. The Seminars begin at 7 p.m., and time will be left at the end for Q & A.



Movie Night returns on **Saturday, September 14**, at 7 p.m. Randy Officer has selected **POMS**, a comedy to start off the season, and he picked a really good one. As always, Randy has his own special brand of Coming Attractions to entertain us before the movie. No sign-up is required, just come and enjoy.

Who Done It? You never know, it might be you! Join us for this exciting evening of drinks, dips, dinner, and a “Who Done It” Mystery. Our menu includes Caesar salad, chicken piccata, roasted potatoes, green beans almandine, and brownies for dessert. Due to the Buffet set-up and extra space needed between tables for the actors, space is very limited. Sign-up is

required, and **early**, so we can sign contracts, plan seating—hey, why not get a table together of your friends? Got eight people? Tell us and we’ll reserve a table in advance. Tables seat 8 or 10, no need to arrive early to scramble for a seat. We’ll make it easy. Call Susan Rayner: 410-533-1705. Cost is \$40 per person. Final day to sign up is **Sunday, September 1**. Ovation is an excellent troupe, who have played all over Maryland and beyond. They were selected because they were re-booked by other communities numerous times. Don’t miss this event!



Looking back:

	<p>The tribute to the Apollo 11 Mission was a huge success.</p> <p>Our celebration of those born in July, August, and September with a delicious cake made by Zina Lichaa.</p>	
<p>Wet & Wild Wednesdays started something big, Volleyball</p>		

OUTREACH – PRESIDENT, SUE CANFIELD

SHELVES OF PLENTY – SUE CANFIELD

Outreach is again supporting *Shelves of Plenty* at the September Ladies Social Hour on **Thursday, September 26**. Please consider bringing one of the items on the list below. A basket will be placed in the Clubhouse Lobby for those of you who wish to donate but can't attend. Thank you!

Our donations will be shared between Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church, Our Mother of Sorrows, and The United Methodist Church in Centreville.

Necessary items are:

Paper Towels
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Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner

Deodorant
Tissues
Baby Diapers
Baby Wipes
Trash Bags

EXCITING NEWS: PLANNING CONTINUES FOR OUTREACH FALL TEA AND FASHION SHOW – LORETTA QUIGLEY



Your Outreach team is busy getting everything set for the Fall Tea and Fashion Show. It will take place **Sunday, September 22**, at

The Milestone in Easton from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Reservations for seating are being taken now in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse (behind the Outreach tab). Upon receipt of payment, tickets will be delivered to your home. Tables will be for 8 or 10, and we ask that you request your seating needs when you reserve your seat(s). Think about creating a group to include friends, neighbors, and relatives, including young ladies ages 8-17. Do not worry if you have “just a few”...we will place you at a perfect table. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for young ladies.

The traditional menu will include pots of steaming PG Tips regular and decaf teas; scones (plain and lemon with rosemary) with jam and crème fresh; and tea sandwiches to include cucumber and goat cheese, chicken salad in puff pastry, egg salad, and assorted pinwheels. Following the Fashion Show hosted by Chico's and modeled by our own SV volunteers, the concluding sweets include chocolate covered strawberries, lemon and crumb cake, and cream puffs.

Wonderful raffle items will include a quilt from our own SV Quilters, a gift certificate valued at \$350 given by John Cvach for tax preparation for next year, and various gift cards from local merchants. In addition to these will be a group favorite, the 50/50 raffle, as well as table and door prizes.

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You don't want to miss this fun afternoon! Please join us and, as in the past, we thank you for your generous support!

Any questions please contact Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775 or Linda Blume at 410-758-3194.

PUBLICATION & COMMUNICATION – CAROL HODGES, CHAIR; LINDA BLUME, VICE-CHAIR

HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH ATLANTIC BROADBAND INTERNET – JIM ARNTS

Have you been receiving eBlasts about landscaping, mowing, lifestyle events, etc.? If not and if your SV-email-address-of-record is with Atlantic Broadband, that may be the problem. We're discovering that many eBlasts addressed to atlanticbb.net are bouncing back as undeliverable. To make sure that you don't miss community eBlasts, the committee recommends that you change your SV email address to one of your other email addresses. If you only have an Atlantic Broadband email address, you might consider setting up an account with gmail.com for example.

To change your SV email address-of-record, go to the [Directory Page](#) of the SV Website and fill out the Directory Update Form and the eBlast/Distribution List Subscription Form with the new email address.

Not sure what your SV email address is? Go to the Directory Page of the Website and open the Resident Directory.

It is easy and free to get a gmail address. Just sign up at:

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Gmail has many advantages including excellent spam filters and the ability to separate your email into different inboxes for primary emails (important stuff), social emails (like Facebook), promotions (junk mail), and forums (ECHOES). There are many online tutorials to help you make the best use of gmail including:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D7H4p_luvs .

You can even have your other email addresses sent to gmail.

RECIPES ON THE WEBSITE

The SV Website has a collection of recipes. Until a few years ago, there was a monthly recipe in the *Libretto*. When someone made a delicious appetizer, dessert, or main dish, they posted the recipe. To find these recipes, go to the Website and choose Index and scroll to [Recipes from previous Librettos](#). You will find Jerry Nudo's recipe for his famous Fried Egg Rolls that he made every year for the Sneakers' Silent Auction along with many other recipes.

LIBRETTO INDEX

Another informative site on the Website is the *Libretto* Index accessible from the [Libretto page](#), not to be confused with the Index on the Home Page (an index of the Website). The *Libretto* Index lists many of the articles from the previous *Librettos*. It gives which issue to look for in the *Libretto* Archives. Among many articles, you will find two articles on the Blackwater Refuge and one on Preventing Birds from Nesting on your home.

SNEAKERS – LINDA FARRAR

HOA DUES RAFFLE

Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket to have a chance to win your 2020 HOA dues paid for the whole year. The tickets are \$25 per ticket and only 300 tickets will be sold.

Remember, you can drop a check, made out to Symphony Sneakers, in the black lock box in the Wall Street Room. We will deliver your raffle ticket to you.

We will also sell raffle tickets at special events from now until October 4. Look for eBlasts with those dates.

SNEAKERS GALA

Sneakers members are busy getting items ready for the Silent Auction to be held on **Saturday, November 2**, at 6 p.m. If you have a talent, service, or new item to donate, please contact Terri O'Connell, Amy Marotta, or Helena Joy. Remember it could be a cooking class, a hosted meal, a repair, or expertise on a subject. Any of these services are welcome as well as new items to be used in themed baskets or as standalone items.

Tickets for the Auction will be available in early October.

Please remember that the money raised goes to benefit the children in the public schools in our area.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday August 21**, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All are welcome to attend and participate.

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

BINGO RETURNS – TOM BURTON



Bingo will return to Symphony Village after the summer hiatus on **Friday, September 13**, at 7 p.m., in the Concert Hall. The Jackpot was not won in June, so it has risen to \$375 and 63 numbers will be drawn. All special games are returning to the regular \$10 monetary prizes; the donated merchant gift certificate prizes have been discontinued. The special food for this evening will be homemade pulled pork sandwiches and chips (until they run out) beginning at 6:30 p.m. So, get there early and enjoy the evening! Maybe the BIG winner will be you!

BOCCE BANTER – DON RIZZO

Fourth of July Bocce Tournament

After two postponements due to inclement weather, our July 4th Bocce Tournament finally came to fruition as the now over-anxious teams arrived at the courts on Wednesday, July 17, to see which team would capture the honor of being the 2019 July 4th champions.

As the six qualifying teams entered the courts, Villagers in the area seemed to sense something big was about to occur. Some dropped their Pickleball racquets and others frantically wiped off the remaining dripping water as both groups deserted the courts and pools respectively and frantically scrambled for good seats at the quickly filling bocce courts.

The teams, all current bocce aficionados well known in the local scene, consisted of Rene and Bud Burgan, Jack Leister and Bill Wells, Carole and Jack Walsh, Donna and Tom Cullen, Jack Cohen and Judy Lambrix, and Patti and Tony Cipriano. Bookmakers on site constantly altered their odds as they watched the players warm up. Which players were really “on” today? Whose day was today going to be? Did the postponement favor the longshots? All these thoughts raced through our minds as we stared at the flapping flag and listened respectively as the local DAR Chapter favored us with a stirring rendition of our National Anthem. Then the officials provided final instructions ending with ... “Let the Good Times Roll” – and they failed us not!

The early matches were peppered with the gentle banter of the players all keen on winning yet never forgetting that having a good time with friends was paramount to the tradition of SV Bocce. However, the play became more intense and the spectators more animated as the Walsh team edged out the Leister-Wells team in the semi-finals to earn the right to play the ever-competitive Cipriano Team in the final match of the day. Even the vendors closed up their sites and joined the crowd straining to watch what was sure to be an exciting final.



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The lead changed hands consistently as each throw became better than the last. Each player seemed to draw from within to expand their already well-known talents to new heights. Finally, the Walsh Team took a 10-9 lead and only one point away from the championship total of 11. Throwing from the new end, Jack Walsh's final throw rested a mere inch from the pallino representing the winning point with only Tony Cipriano's one last throw remaining. Without showing any evidence of pressure, Tony released his ball, and the entire crowd watched in disbelief as it not only knocked the Walsh ball out of contention but also left two of his balls closer to the pallino. This gave the Cipriano Team an 11-10 win and the coveted Championship!

The horns blaring and the confetti falling is nice, but nothing is more rewarding than competitors congratulating and hugging one another after a wonderful match. Sure, a Champion is crowned but there are no losers in bocce!

Remember: Open Bocce on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome to join the fun!

... Let the Good Times Roll!!

CERT – JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR



SUMMER SAFETY



Summer is fun and relaxing, but heat and sun can also be dangerous if the proper precautions aren't taken. Here are some tips to make sure you have a fun, safe summer.

Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of cool water, clear juices, and other liquids that don't contain alcohol or caffeine. The standard suggestion is to aim to drink 6-8 cups of water a day. If you intend to spend much time out in the sun, you may want to aim even higher to avoid

dehydration.

Keep Your Cool: Air conditioning is your friend in summer. Spend as much time as possible in air-conditioned spaces.

Wear the Right Stuff: Everyone should dress for the weather. When it's warm out, some people find natural fabrics (such as cotton) to be cooler than synthetic fibers. Wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothes to help feel cooler and more comfortable. A wide brimmed hat will help keep the sun off your face and neck.

Protect Your Eyes: Too much exposure to the sun can irritate eyes and cause damage. Wearing sunglasses can protect your eyes from harmful UV rays and preserve your vision.

Know the Risks of Hyperthermia: Be particularly cautious about abnormally high body temperatures — a condition known as hyperthermia. Heat stroke is an advanced form of hyperthermia that can be life-threatening. Make sure to know the warning signs and get medical attention immediately if you or anyone you know is experiencing these symptoms:

- Body temperature greater than 104 degrees
- A change in behavior, such as acting confused, agitated, or grouchy
- Dry, flushed skin
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headache
- Heavy breathing or a rapid pulse
- Not sweating, even if it's hot out
- Fainting

Put on Sunscreen: Everyone should wear sunscreen when outdoors. Buy a broad-spectrum sunscreen lotion or spray with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply the sunscreen liberally to all exposed skin at least 15-30 minutes before sun exposure. Look for a sunscreen that blocks both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply frequently if engaging in water activities.

Apply Bug Spray: Use insect repellent to help reduce the risk of getting bit by potentially virus-carrying mosquitoes.

ALL ABOUT CERT

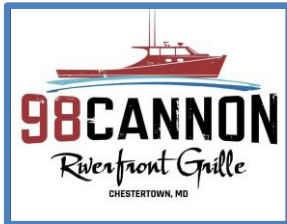
The Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team is an organization of volunteer emergency workers who received specific training in basic disaster response skills, and who agree to supplement existing emergency responders in the event of a major disaster. If you are interested in CERT, come to our next meeting on **Tuesday, August 20**, at 4 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HALLOWE'EN FUN! – CARLENE COOKE AND LINDA FARRAR

We would like to have a Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party this year, but we need the children. We understand that our grandchildren have many activities, but we need at least 30 children 3 to 10 years old to make it work. The last two years we did not reach that number. The date is **Sunday, October 27**, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 2 to 10. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with trick or treating.

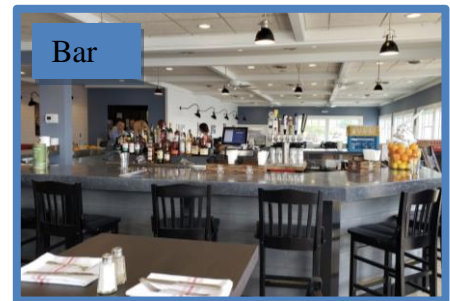
More detailed information will be in the September *Libretto*. The sign-up sheet will be available September 15. Any questions, please call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744.

LUNCH BUNCH – MARGE STRANO AND BEA TROTTA

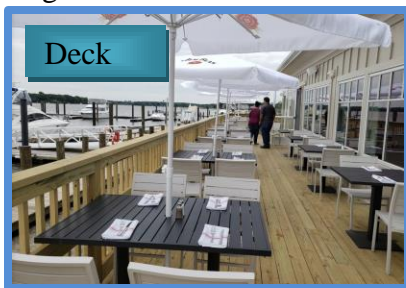


The July Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the recently opened 98 Cannon Riverfront Grill on **Thursday, September 5** at 12:30 p.m. It is located at 98 Cannon Street, Chestertown. The dining room, bar, and deck have been completely renovated and have riverfront views. The menu includes soups, salads, and

appetizers in addition to seafood specials, riverfront specials, sandwiches, pizza, and dessert. You can also make plans to sit or walk along the waterfront and take a stroll through the center of Chestertown before or after lunch. Please invite your



neighbors, especially new SV residents.



Please sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and click on ***Dashboard***. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon near the bottom of the page. As usual, you can sign up in the **Clubs Activities Book** at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you need a ride or have a question.

PICKLEBALL PLAY! – GEORGE DRAKE

Players continue to play games throughout this hot dry spell! Our Tuesday and Thursday games now begin at 8:30 a.m. to beat-the-heat. Feel free to join us at that time to try it out – or just watch – equipment shared!

The Chesapeake College Institute for Adult Learning (IAL) is again offering Pickleball lessons as follows: Session 1 (four Wednesdays) 9/4 – 9/25 from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. and Session 2 (four Wednesdays) 10/9 – 10/30, same hours. The course is designed for players of all abilities. The key rules of the game are covered including how to serve, volleys, scorekeeping, the double bounce rule, and player positions. Pickleball perforated polymer balls are provided. Students must bring their own paddles. Limited to 12 students. You can sign up for one or both sessions.

Cost: At IAL, you pay \$75 for the Fall term and take as many courses in as many subjects as you would like. See <https://www.chesapeake.edu/continuing-education/institute-for-adult-learning-ial>. There are courses in

psychology, yoga, photography, painting, tennis, Shakespeare, self-defense, drawing, Civil War, music, line dancing, and more! – all for a total of \$75.

READING FOR FUN – JUNE 2019 REVIEW – JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on July 16 to review *The Last Palace* by Norman Eisen. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Lidija & Ingo Kampa, Peggy Decker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, and Susan Goldberg. Bob Nilsson missed the meeting but reported his input on the book through the world wide web.



The author was the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014 and resided in a veritable palace, widely regarded as the most beautiful ambassadorial property owned by the United States anywhere in the world. Built by Otto Petschek, a Jewish coal baron, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the mansion's history tracks that of Czechoslovakia through a turbulent period of World Wars and subsequent communist domination. Ambassador Eisen has

meticulously chronicled the history of the mansion and turned its story into a fascinating historical novel of twentieth century Czechoslovakia, highlighted by the fact that his own mother is a Czech Jew who survived Auschwitz.

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The preservation of the house can be traced to the various residents who defended it in the face of widespread destruction of European buildings and architecture during the century. Otto Petschek was forced to flee the advancing Nazi army leading up to World War II and the palace became the headquarters for General Rudolf Toussaint who headed the German occupation of Czechoslovakia. A Wehrmacht veteran of the first World War, he was not a dedicated Nazi and was more sensitive to preserving some of Prague's history than his superiors would have liked. And when the war was lost, he maneuvered (unsuccessfully) to turn the city over to the U.S. Army under General Patton vice the Russian Army approaching from the East.

While the fate of Prague is interesting reading, the salient outcome was that General Toussaint kept the Russians out of the palace until the U.S. was able to appoint a post-war ambassador. Ambassador Lawrence Steinhardt arrived and was convinced that the Czech people would form a democratic vice communist government. He lobbied tirelessly in that regard and was devastated when the communist party prevailed in the post-war elections. But he left a lasting legacy by successfully purchasing the Petschek mansion for the United States as our permanent embassy. The story of that period is riveting but, more importantly, leads the story to the most interesting resident of the mansion — Ambassador Shirley Temple Black.

Most of the Book Club members knew Shirley Temple had been an ambassador but did not remember where or how effective she was in that role. The book reveals the story of an amazing American whose foreign policy interest was stoked years earlier and culminated in her being instrumental in the fall of the iron curtain in Czechoslovakia. Most readers will be treated to a new appreciation of Shirley Temple Black through this book. Ambassador Eisen also weaves his mother's story into the tale. She was firmly opposed to his acceptance of the post in Prague because her memories of the holocaust were too ingrained.

Our Book Club discussion of this history was greatly enhanced by the presence of two club members who lived through this period in Europe. Lidija and Ingo Kampa both escaped Eastern Europe ahead of the Nazis. Lidija came from Latvia and Ingo from Poland. Their first hand accounts were spellbinding. If you get an opportunity to discuss it with them, you will be treated to a fascinating story.

The Club loved the book (although Ingo debated some of its history) and the discussion was memorable. We scored the *The Last Palace* 8.55, which is our third highest rating in the last two years. I keep an updated list of our scores and books in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room (under Book Club.)

Book Club meetings are held the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse. Meeting dates and associated books we plan to review are:

August 20 — *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield **

September 17 — *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie

October 15 — *Where the Crawdad's Sing* by Delia Owens

** There is another book by the same name. Check you have the correct author.



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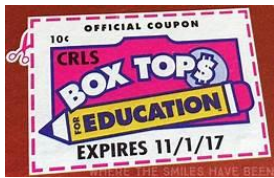
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION TRANSITIONS TO DIGITAL – LINDA BLUME



There has been a collection box for donated Box Tops for Education labels in the Craft Room for many years. The program began transitioning to digital (and therefore away from clipping labels) on June 1. The traditional clipped labels will transition off participating product labels over time, but they will continue to be accepted for redemption for a while. So, if you have been saving Box Tops for Education, please put them in the collection box when convenient. I will be taking the collection box out of the Craft Room on October 15. A final collection of labels will be sent to Centreville Elementary School before November 1. To read how you can digitally continue to support this worthy program, go to [Box Tops for Education](#).

NEW HOA STAFF MEMBER - MEET KIMBERLY COX! — DEBI WELLS, P&C STAFF



Have you met Kimberly Cox yet? Kimberly's first day as an HOA employee was July 29, and she is already performing a key role for our community. She is the HOA Executive Assistant. Not to be confused with a personal assistant; instead, this position is much more. Kimberly ensures the HOA Management Office operates smoothly. She supports our HOA General Manager and successfully prioritizes diversified requests daily from ~ 400 homeowners. This job requires extensive attention to detail, great communication, interpersonal skills, and (most of all) lots of flexibility to jump from one (hot!) project to another *instantly!* With a can-do attitude, Kimberly is managing very well from our viewpoint. It was a pleasure to talk with her and to get to know a bit more about her.

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Like other Baltimore-born talents (John Waters comes to mind), Kimberly learned all she could from the Maryland school system, starting with The Country School in Easton. Here students learn academics and, as importantly, they learn how to make contributions on an individual level; for example, students learn how to clean local waterways, make lunches for the less fortunate, and support charities, etc. After earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Theatre and Performing Arts at Towson University, Kimberly moved to Manhattan, NYC, to work in one of the world's foremost cultural centers. She eventually focused on the media industry and especially enjoyed the 2004 presidential election while working for a major television news channel. It was quite interesting listening to Kimberly talk about her experience while she worked on an international Gucci commercial campaign in Rome, Italy.

While Kimberly was born in Baltimore, she grew up in Oxford, Maryland, where her parents still reside. Oxford, a small waterbound town, hasn't changed much over the years. While other waterfront towns have given in to condos and glitz, Oxford has managed to retain its historic charm. That concept seems to also resonate with Kimberly. She's still down-to-earth, even with her expanse of experience and living abroad. Her hobbies range from collecting old books (mostly at yard sales and flea markets) to history (especially colonialism in Australia and the Greco Persian War) and singing every Saturday and Sunday at 5 p.m. at Christ Church in Oxford as a member of the choir (everyone is invited to attend!). And, of course, we should also let you know Kimberly has three rescue cats: Oliver Roo, Remus, and Romulus. We hope you get to say hello to Kimberly soon if you haven't already, she's a great asset.

SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 – LARRY & LINDA SCHULTZ

We are hosting the 1st Annual Golf Tournament in Memory of our Annapolis native son, Lt.Col. Eric “Doc” Schultz, USAF. Eric was a decorated Air Force combat and test pilot with over 2000 hours flying numerous aircraft. He died in Nevada on September 5, 2017 in the line of duty and was awarded The Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in aerial flight following the incident.

Proceeds of this event will be going to The Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association (d/b/a River Rats), a non-profit 501(c)(3) Charity (Tax ID number 23-7033827). Monies will be directed into their scholarship fund to provide scholarships to children of deceased airmen from all branches of service.

The tournament will take place at Queenstown Harbor River and Lakes Golf Courses on **Thursday, October 3**. We are currently seeking participants, Sponsors for the event, donations, and items for the silent auction. Our website, birdeasepro.com/Schultz outlines levels and needs of sponsorships and details of the event.

Any assistance you can provide for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for your participation, generosity, and support of our men and women in uniform and their families.

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CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

The Queen Anne's County Area Agency on Aging and Maryland Access Point (MAP) are offering Free Hearing Screenings to seniors age 65 and over, as well as adults with disabilities at three locations:

Sudlersville Senior Center: **Wednesday, August 21**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Kent Island Senior Center: **Monday, August 26**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Grasonville Senior Center: **Wednesday, September 25**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The screenings are being done by the Maryland Hearing Aid Service. Space is limited so appointments are required. For more information and to make an appointment, contact Katy Johnson, Queen Anne's County MAP, 410-758-1040.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS TO RESUME AT AMERICAN LEGION JEFF DAVIS POST 18



Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion Post in Centreville will resume on **Friday, September 6, 5:30 – 7 p.m.** (or until sold out). The menu has not yet been published. Watch for dinners to be announced in Weekend Local Events on the SV Home Page and ECHOES (posted every Wednesday).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Saturday, August 17**, 3 – 4 p.m.: [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Monday, August 19**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: [Chat with the Director](#) (No registration required)

LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES AND MUSEUMS ON THE EASTERN SHORE

Looking for somewhere to visit on the Eastern Shore? You might consider visiting some of these lesser-known locations:

Queen Anne's County:

- [Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center](#) (410 Little Kidwell Avenue), Centreville
Open: The first Saturday of the month, May – October, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and by appointment
- Museum of Eastern Shore Life (106 Dulin Clark Road), Centreville
Open: The first Saturday of the month, May – October, 1 – 4 p.m.; during the Queen Anne's County Fair; and by appointment
Facebook: [Museum of Eastern Shore Life](#)
- [Sudlersville Train Station Museum](#) (101 S. Linden Street), Sudlersville
Open: The first Saturday of the month, May – October, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; and by appointment

Caroline County:

- [Choptank River Heritage Center](#) (River Landing Road) Denton
Open: Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and by appointment



- [Linchester Mill and Campus](#) (3390 Linchester Road), Preston
Open: Second and Fourth Fridays and Saturdays May – October, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- [Preston Historical Society](#) (167 Main Street), Preston
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- [Betterton Heritage Museum](#) (100 Main Street), Betterton
Open: Saturdays and Sundays, May – October, 1 – 3 p.m.; and by appointment
- [Massey Air Museum](#) (33541 Maryland Line Road), Massey
Open: Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and by appointment
- [Rock Hall Heritage Marine Restoration and Heritage Center](#) (21083 Chesapeake Avenue), Rock Hall
Open: “If the doors are open, please walk in!” – 410-739-2093

Talbot County:

- [Machine Shop Museum at Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association](#) (11472 Ocean Gateway), Easton
Open: First Saturdays, May – October, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- [Rural Life Museum of Trappe, MD](#) (29241 Bucktown Road), Trappe
Open: Saturdays, May – November, 1 – 4 p.m.; and by appointment
- [Tilghman Watermen's Museum](#) (6031 Tilghman Island Road), Tilghman Island
Open: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; and by appointment

Dorchester County:

- [Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center](#) (Golden Hill Road, Church Creek)
Open: Daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- [Spocott Windmill and Village](#) (1663 Hudson Road), Cambridge
Open: Dawn to Dusk, self-guided tours

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Youth Fishing Derby



KIDS' FISHING DERBY

QAC Parks and recreation will host a [Youth Fishing Derby](#) for ages 5 – 16 on **Saturday, August 17**, 8:30 - 11 a.m. at Conquest Beach (1000 Conquest Beach Road) in Centreville. Prizes will be given in each age bracket for largest fish, smallest fish, and most fish. Age brackets are 5 – 10 and 11 – 16. Pre-registration is not required, but is strongly recommended. A limited number of rods, reels, and tackle box supplies will be provided. The cost is \$8 per child. The program number is 190002-03.

Coffeehouse 206 Concert Series – Open Mic with Ric



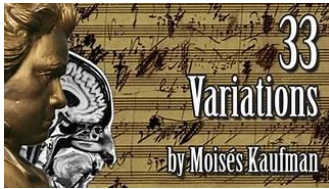
[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) presents Open Mic with Rick Strittmater on **Tuesday, August 20**, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Acoustic musicians, writers, and poets are welcome to share their original work on stage. Admission is free.

Family Outdoor Movie Night



The Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville will host Family Outdoor Movie Night on **Friday, August 23**, 8:30 p.m. The movie will be “Mary Poppins Returns.” Bring lawn chairs or blankets. In case of inclement weather, the movie will move inside.

Coffeehouse 206 – Reception for “33 Variations”



[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) and Church Hill Theatre have joined together to locally present Moises Kaufman’s “33 Variations.” A reception for the play will be held on **Friday, August 23**, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Centre for the Arts. The reception includes live music of Beethoven, theatrics, dance, period dress, exceptional food, and spirits. Admission is \$20 per person. The play runs at Church Hill Theatre September 6 – 22.

Kid's Fishing Derby and Movie Night



The Town of Centreville will host [Kid's Fishing Derby and Movie Night](#) on **Saturday, August 24**, at Centreville Wharf Park (Watson Road). The Fishing Derby will be 5 – 7 p.m. (bring you own rod or borrow one from the Town), and the outdoor screening of *The Lego Movie 2* begins at 8 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner—popcorn, ice cream, and soft drinks will be on sale. Blankets or low chairs are encouraged. In case of bad weather, the movie will be shown inside Bigbie’s Shore Performance (next to the Wharf).

Open Rehearsal Queen Anne’s Chorale



The [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) will hold an open rehearsal and reception on **Monday, September 9**, 7 – 9 p.m., at Christ Church Parish Kent Island (830 Romancock Road) in Stevensville. There is no audition; all levels of singing experience and voice parts are welcome. New singers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. to register. All new members must attend the open rehearsal. Dues are \$25 for one semester or \$40 for both semesters. The fall concert will be *Christmas in the New World* on Saturday, December 7, 7 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. Many of your SV neighbors sing in the Chorale – why not join them?

An Evening at Versailles with Benjamin Franklin



The Queen Anne’s County Legacy Foundation presents [An Evening at Versailles with Benjamin Franklin](#) on **Thursday, September 12**, 7 – 10 p.m., at Wye River Upper School (316 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. Spend an evening with renowned storyteller and Benjamin Franklin Impersonator Brian Patrick Mulligan, sharing in the wit, wisdom, transformative achievements and inventions of Benjamin Franklin. There will be five salons: The Hall of Invention; The Statemen’s Studio; Ben Franklin’s Print Shop; Salon d’Philosophy; and Deux Salons d’Cuisine. Hors d’oeuvres will include Eastern Shore delicacies, signature cocktails, and Ben Franklin’s favorite lager. Tickets in advance are \$65 for adults and \$60 for seniors. Tickets at the door are \$70 for adults and \$65 for seniors.

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

APOLLO 11, 50TH ANNIVERSARY MOON LANDING CELEBRATION

LARRY RAYNER, THE ARMCHAIR ASTRONOMER

First, I'd like to thank a number of people who were critical to the success of our event. To all of you who showed up and applauded during segments of the Apollo 11 movie, who shared their enthusiasm with all,



Thank you. To Jim Arnts, who without his help that day, would not have come to pass; for taking responsibility for the audio-visual aspect of the day, and finding the Kennedy Moon speech which inspired a nation, Thank You. To my wife, Susan, who says my astronomy habit would be cheaper and easier on her if I switched my habit to drugs, Thank You, for a wonderful pre-event dinner. To Laura Bittinger, Kathryn and Jim Buckheit, Joyce and Mike Ordun, thank you for all of the help in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. It takes a village.

What I had planned to say in my introductory speech, before I got all misty eyed and couldn't continue....

Everyone knows what Neil Armstrong said as he stepped onto the surface of the moon but few among us know what he said as he stepped off of the moon into the lunar module to return to Earth. American folklore has it as “Good Luck Mr. Gorski.” For years, fellow astronauts tried to get him to elaborate on this. What

did it mean? It was revealed much later that Mr. Gorski was his next-door neighbor, as a child. While playing baseball with his brother in the yard, the ball rolled under the bedroom window of the Gorski's, where upon young Neil, while retrieving his ball, heard the Gorski's arguing. Mrs. Gorski yelled “You'll get a BJ when the boy next door walks on the moon”. Moral of this story is “never let the truth get in the way of a good story.” His next-door neighbor was actually Mr. Simmons who Neil visited to view the stars through his 8" diameter telescope.

Now let's talk Facts...

1. The last visitor to the spacecraft before takeoff was Charles Lindbergh, they talked fuel consumption vis a vis Lindbergh's airplane and the moon rocket. The Saturn V moon rocket consumed the same amount of fuel in the first 5 seconds as the Spirit of St. Louis consumed during the entire flight across the Atlantic. The 4-stage moon rocket consumed about 1 million gallons of rocket fuel to get to the moon and back.
2. Did you know we used to have two moons and that the moon was so close to earth that it filled half of the sky? Apollo Astronauts circling the Moon discovered that the crust on the far side of the moon is 30 miles thicker than the near side on which Apollo 11 landed. The agreed upon theory holds that 4.5 billion years ago an asteroid, about the size of Mars, hit the Earth with a glancing blow and tore off a portion of its crust. This material circled the Earth and within weeks there were two moons circling the Earth. The rear following moon soon struck the rear of the front moon creating the thicker crust on the far side. The front moon became the Moon we see today.

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3. The moon recedes ¼” per year and over the 4.5 billion years since the impact, the moon is now 250,000 miles from Earth, which accounts for the current size of the moon, visually speaking.
4. The Moon rocks, returned by the Apollo missions, proved to be like Earth’s granite, confirming the formation of the Moon theory (the Moon was formed by the impact of a Mars size asteroid’s glancing blow).
5. The rotation of the Moon is locked so that the front side always faces the Earth, we never see the rear side of the moon. Per Astroogyl *“The simple answer is that we only see one side of the moon because the moon rotates around the Earth at the exact same speed as it rotates around its own axis, so that the same side of the moon is constantly facing the surface of the earth”*
6. Without the moon we may not exist on Earth. The Moon causes the tides and the seasons on our Planet. When the Earth was hit by the asteroid, the Earth was knocked out of alignment into the tilt it has today. The Moon locks the Earth into this tilt through gravity. This tilt is responsible for our four seasons. The Moon’s gravity assures the tides.
7. The Moon is one of the largest satellites in the solar system relative to the size of its planet.
8. The reason the Russians lost the moon race and about 135 people killed was that their N-1 Moon rocket had 33 engines on the first stage (as opposed to our Saturn 5 moon rocket) which had 5 F-1 rocket engines. The N-1 with 33 engines had complex plumbing issues with feeding fuel to their engines. Also, the Russian fuels were hypergolic, which explode upon contact with each other. All four of their attempts to launch their N-1 Moon rocket exploded causing many deaths.
9. The speech by President Nixon, which thankfully never had to be said...Go to this website:”Fate has ordained that the men who went to the moon to explore in peace will stay on the moon to rest in peace. These brave men, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, know that there is no hope for their recovery. But they also know that there is hope for mankind in their sacrifice. These two men are laying down their lives in mankind's most noble goal: the search for truth and understanding. They will be mourned by their families and friends; they will be mourned by their nation; they will be mourned by the people of the world; they will be mourned by a Mother Earth that dared send two of her sons into the unknown. In their exploration, they stirred the people of the world to feel as one; in their sacrifice, they bind more tightly to the brotherhood of man. In ancient days, men looked at stars and saw their heroes in the constellations. In modern times, we do much the same, but our heroes are epic men of flesh and blood. Others will follow, and surely find their way home. Man's search will not be denied. But these men were the first, and they will remain the foremost in our hearts. For every human being who looks up at the moon in the nights to come will know that there is some corner of another world that is forever mankind.”

Resources for learning more about the moon: *Astronomy Magazine*, the two series, *How the Universe Works* (episode Secrets of the Moon and Secrets of Space). These types of series can be found on the Science Channel, Nova, and on MPT. Also check out NASA.gov

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