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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!



Bryan & Christine Roberts, 140 Concerto



A **Welcome to the Neighborhood Meeting** will be held on **September 23** at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Arrive a half hour earlier to take advantage of an SV Directory photo opportunity for **new** residents starting at 6:30 p.m. This photo opportunity is also available for current residents interested in changing an existing photo or adding a new photo at 7 p.m.

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS

On **September 3** an eBlast was sent to all SV residents announcing that there will be two vacant positions on the HOA Board of Directors effective **December 2019**. The expiring three-year terms of Pat Fox and Dave Peterson will be filled by an election at the December HOA meeting.

We asked each of you to either nominate yourself and/or other residents of SV. There are two simple ways to nominate someone: 1) You may submit online by clicking [here](#). Complete the form and then click “submit” and your nominations will be electronically recorded OR 2) if you prefer, you may get a paper form from the front desk at the Clubhouse, complete it, and return it to Rebecca or Kimberly.

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS IS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS (4:30 p.m.) MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Once nominations have been received, the Nominating Committee will verify that all nominees wish to run for an open position. All nominees will be asked to submit a one-page resume by close of business **Monday, October 7**, which will be shared with the community. There will be an opportunity to **Meet the Candidates** on **November 7**.

If you have any questions, contact the Nominating Committee members—Rich Ryan, Dominic Mancinelli, Jane Romany, or Pat Ways.

HOA Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 27, 6 p.m.
Concert Hall
Agenda: [Governance Web Page](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS			
HOA	6 p.m.	Friday, September 27	Concert Hall
Artisans Guild	1 p.m.	Thursday, October 10	Conference Room
Budget & Finance	10 a.m.	Thursday, September 26	Concert Hall
Covenants	10 a.m.	Tuesday, October 1	Concert Hall
Landscape & Irrigation	9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, September 17	Concert Hall
Lifestyle	7 p.m.	Monday, October 7	Concert Hall
Operations	9:30 a.m.	Thursday, September 19	Concert Hall
Publications & Communications	3 p.m.	Tuesday, October 1	Concert Hall
Outreach	1:30 p.m.	Wednesday, September 25	Concert Hall
Sneakers	3 p.m.	Wednesday, September 25	Concert Hall
Neighbor to Neighbor	7:15 p.m.	Wednesday, September 18	Concert Hall
CERT	4 p.m.	Tuesday, August 20	Concert Hall

COMMITTEE REPORTS



MARY JO VOLPICELLI, CHAIR;
SUSAN RAYNER, COMMUNICATIONS

The end of summer comes to Symphony Village with the closing of the outdoor pool. Some will miss the summer, some will say *thank the stars the heat wave is over*, but all will move into fall, ready to enjoy the many events Lifestyle has in store.

Our kitchen has gotten out of hand. It seems many of us bring delicious items to the Clubhouse for others to enjoy but forget to take back our dishes. The Lifestyle Committee is joining Ladies Social Hour hosts and rolling up our sleeves on **Monday, September 16**. Our plan is to take everything out of the kitchen, put it in the Concert Hall, then selectively put back what may be useful for parties and get-togethers. Please come up in the late afternoon and look over the "loot." Take what you want to keep back home because all leftovers will go either into the trash or into the Fall Yard Sale.



Don't think because the outdoor pool is closing on **Sunday, September 22**, that volleyball season is over. **SVV** (Symphony Village Volleyball) continues as we move indoors. Please come out to play, cheer, or be a ball boy (or girl). No prior experience is needed, no full-time commitment is necessary; just be willing to have a great time! Games will take place Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

An advertisement for Edward Jones featuring a photograph of an elderly couple sitting at a table with a laptop. The woman is looking at the laptop screen while the man looks on. A white text box is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text in the box reads: "You're Retired. Your Money Isn't." followed by "To learn why consolidating your retirement accounts to Edward Jones makes sense, contact your Edward Jones financial advisor today." Below the text box, there is a small portrait of William J. Caughey IV, AAMS, with his name and title. To the right of the portrait, his contact information is listed: "1a Chester Plaza, Chester, MD 21619, 410-604-2708". In the bottom right corner of the advertisement, the Edward Jones logo is displayed with the tagline "MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING". The website "www.edwardjones.com" and "Member SIPC" are also visible.

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If you missed the first session on Alzheimer's Disease, you still can join in on the second discussion on **Thursday, September 19**. The topic will be "Communicating with Individuals with Dementia." The program begins at 7 p.m. and will include a Q & A session at the end.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY! September 28, Ovation Dinner Theatre, your #1 rated AUDIENCE INTERACTIVE entertainment source, presents the comedy mystery **Murder: Take 2!** This live, laugh-out-loud, 1940s – 1950s film noir production features YOU, the dining patrons, as Ovation's stars of the night! That's right, up to 15 attendees will be making their "acting" debuts, right alongside Ovation Dinner Theatre's cast of characters! **Murder: Take 2!** takes you on a ride with some of your favorite movie and television stars, such as Jimmy Stewpot, Marlon Rambo, Barbara Stanwickerbasket, and many, many more! Everyone becomes involved in the suspense around an aging Hollywood icon who is mysteriously murdered during a gala, and it's believed that YOU are the murderer! C. B. DeMillstone has lost his diva to murder. Make this an evening of dinner theatre entertainment including hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a superb dinner that you'll never forget! Cost is \$40 per person. **Please sign up by Wednesday, September 25.**



Please check out the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse foyer for information about a great Crab Feast. This is not a Lifestyle or HOA sponsored event but is something you will want to learn more about. The Crab Feast is on **Wednesday, October 2**, from 5 – 7 p.m.



Oom-pah-pah comes again! The Lifestyle Committee is pleased to sponsor Brats & Beer on **Friday, October 4**, during the Social Hour, 6 – 8 p.m. You are invited to bring your favorite Bavarian side dishes and dress up in your dirndls, and lederhosen. It's Oktoberfest 2019! **Please sign up by Tuesday, October 1.**



The Fall Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 5**, from 8 – 11 a.m. Once again, we will use balloons to designate houses with treasures to sell. We ask that you try to pick up your balloons on **Friday, October 4**, between 3 and 5 p.m. The cost is still only \$5 per household. Maps and bottled water will be handed out at the entrance to SV, and there will be plenty of signs pointing the way to your house. **Please sign up by Tuesday, October 1.**

On **October 8** at 5:30 p.m., CERT will host a seminar on Crime Trends and Dealing with Emergencies. Sheriff Gary Hofmann will bring the K-9 dogs for a demonstration, weather permitting. Join in to learn what you should know about crime in our backyard. Snacks will be served. **Please sign up by Sunday, October 6.**



There will be a Health and Wellness seminar in the Concert Hall on **Thursday, October 10**, from 4 – 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We will have representatives from doctors' offices, home health agencies, Queen Anne's at Home, and a nurse-run clinic that gives injections. We will have a presenter for physical therapy, and we are trying to get a presenter for massage therapy. We are hoping to add additional presenters. Once the list is finalized, we will publish the information via eBlast and ECHOES. **Please sign up by Tuesday, October 8.**

Looking ahead: Randy Officer will host another Movie Night on **Saturday, October 26**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Watch for the next movie title to be announced. There will be no Social Hour on **Friday, November 1**, due to the set-up required for the Sneakers Auction that will be held on **Saturday, November 2**.

SPECIAL EVENTS CUTOFF DATES

The Lifestyle Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. All residents are welcome to attend. At our September meeting, there was a robust discussion about the difficulty of planning our Special Events when we cannot depend on residents to sign up to attend by the posted *cutoff date*. We talked about the natural tendency to wait until the last minute to see if other obligations arise—whether the children decide to visit, what the weather will be like, and even with that, the need to sign up just slips our minds. We talked about residents who decide they would really like to attend even after the *cutoff date* has passed. They usually call to ask if an exception can be made. We also talked about the various kinds of events we hold.

The Lifestyle Committee tries to make every event we sponsor nice by offering something to eat, even if it's only cookies or snacks at no charge. In some cases, there's no great problem. If 20 people sign up for a Seminar, we set up 20 chairs and 2 dozen cookies. If, however, 40 people arrive, we simply pull out extra chairs, and no one is overly upset if we run out of cookies!

Our Special Events—like the Summer Picnics, Concerts, Mystery Dinner, New Year's Eve—are entirely different. For these occasions, the Event Chair has to plan for space, food (either purchased or catered)

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and for prepaid deposits— always with an eye to the bottom line. Our Special Events are carefully planned so that they stay within budget. A deadline for sign up is set so that the Event Chair can meet his or her responsibilities. The caterer needs a final number in advance so that the correct amount of food is purchased and prepared. Last minute changes inevitably mean a rush to try to get more food. Budgets going awry. The situation is very frustrating for the Event Chair.

The recent Labor Day Picnic was a perfect example. Acme was planning for 150, but people were still signing up after the *cutoff date*. By Saturday, there were more than 180 coming, so the Event Chair had to purchase additional food to be prepared in-house, and people were still calling to come without having signed up or paid. The cost of the picnic was only \$15 per person. Many Committee Members felt that even if a resident had paid on time and then could not attend, the personal loss would be minimal and could be viewed as a donation to future Lifestyle events.

The upcoming **Murder Mystery Dinner** presents another problem. When we sent out an initial feeler asking if this would be an Event that residents would like to attend, we got an overwhelmingly positive response. Now that we are approaching the event and the necessary deposits have been made to the theater group and the caterer, we are struggling to meet our break-even number of 60 people and may well lose money on the event. The original *cutoff date* has already passed. We will be extending the date, because we negotiated a slightly later date with our vendors. Once the new *cutoff date*, **September 25**, is reached, it **must** be final.

After much discussion, the Lifestyle Committee passed the following motion: **Lifestyle Events need to have firm, well-published deadlines, as late as possible, but once the *cutoff date* or maximum**

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number is reached, no exceptions can be made. All members of the Committee must support the Event Chair in enforcing the “no exceptions” policy.

The Lifestyle Committee works hard to plan enjoyable and informative events for the Symphony Village community, and we very much want to continue to do so. We ask that you help us by following our new *cutoff date policy*, by signing up as early as possible when an event is posted (and no later than 5 p.m. on the *cutoff date*, when sign-up sheets will be pulled from the binder in the Wall Street Room), by paying at the time of sign up, and by not asking for exceptions. We thank you all for your understanding and look forward to many more great Lifestyle Events.

OPERATIONS


**CHARLES LEVAY, CHAIR; MIKE NORRIS, VICE CHAIR;
ROBERT NILSSON, BOARD LIAISON**

The Operations Committee is made up of 14 volunteers who meet every third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Concert Hall. The Operations Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of HOA assets including the Clubhouse (minus landscaping & irrigation). Our committee aids the community homeowners, Board of Directors, and the HOA General Manager in the management and operations of the community common property. We recommend repairs or replacement to the HOA General Manager on assets used by the community.

We listened to what you had to say about pool furniture!! Responses about color choices and the task at hand were received from 68 residents. The majority want the pool furniture to be updated, keeping the same color. So, going forward, Criterion, Inc. will remove the furniture at the end of the season and return it in the spring with a new coat of paint and new textured strapping very similar to the current colors. Operations would like to thank all of those who responded and also the team working on this project.

These are some of the tasks we are working on. Some have been approved by the Board of Directors and some are questionable because of budget constraints. The 2020 budget has not been approved yet.

- Wrought Iron Fence Painting – There are three wrought iron fences in our community that will be repaired and painted.
- Children’s Playground – The tot lot will have its old mulch replaced with children’s safety mulch and the old border will be replaced.
- Security Cameras – The security cameras in the Clubhouse will be upgraded and hardwired and connected to a DVR.
- Parking Lot Sealer/Resurface – The Operations committee is working on getting proposals to repair/resurface the parking lots at the Clubhouse. So far, we have one proposal.
- Pool Roof – The indoor pool roof will receive a new seal coating. The original seal coating is wearing off.
- Pool Furniture – A company will repair, paint, and re-strap the pool furniture for next season.
- Security - Panic bars for two pool gates, key pads for five exterior doors, outdoor pool lighting for the patio as recommended by the county fire marshal.
- Acoustical Ceiling in the Concert Hall – A company has been selected to install a new acoustical ceiling in the Concert Hall to improve the sound quality.
- Our meetings are open to the community. You may drop in to listen to what is going on. If you can’t attend but want to communicate with us, you can send an email to the Chairman, levaycharles@hotmail.com or to the HOA General Manager.



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OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, OUTREACH PRESIDENT

Coming soon!...

Outreach Fall Tea and Fashion Show

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Location: The Milestone, Easton (near the airport)

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Any questions? Call Linda Blume at 410-758-3194

or Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775

A wonderful afternoon is planned!

Thank you for your support!



Outreach Symphony Shelves of Plenty Collection

Please bring a personal care or home care item to Ladies Social Hour on September 26 for the Outreach collection for our less fortunate neighbors. Items collected will be donated to Shelves of Plenty.

Thank you!

Bingo - Congratulations to Judy Webster!

We had a winner! Outreach is happy to announce that Judy Webster was the \$375 Jackpot Bingo Winner for September. Our next Bingo Night will be held on **Friday, October 11, at 7 p.m.** Hotdogs or pizza and other snacks will be available for purchase! The October Jackpot will be \$50. Remember that the proceeds of this event go to make it possible for Outreach to donate funds to many nonprofit groups in Queen Anne's County in an effort to reach the needy residents and special causes of our County!



SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

Last Call—HOA Dues Raffle

Only a few more weeks before we will be drawing the winning ticket.

Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket to take a chance on having your 2020 HOA dues paid for the whole year. The tickets are only \$25 per ticket and only a maximum of 300 tickets will be sold. Remember, you can drop a check, made out to Symphony Sneakers, in the checkbox in the Wall Street Room. We will deliver your raffle ticket to you. We will also be selling HOA Dues Raffle tickets at special events from now until **October 4**. Look for e-Blasts reminding you of those dates.

We will be drawing the winning ticket on **Friday, October 4**, at the Social Hour. See you there.

Sneakers Silent Auction and 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, a 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. These items are welcome as well as new items to be used in themed baskets or stand-alone items.

Tickets for the Auction will be available in early October. Please remember the money raised will go to the public schools in our area.

Sneakers Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 25**, at 3 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Remember, we always welcome new members.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR
LINDA BLUME, VICE CHAIR

GALLERY ON THE WEBSITE

If you haven't visited the Gallery page of the SV Website, you are missing a treat. There are many photos of past events, photos of some travels of residents, etc. There are even some *before* pictures of Symphony Village while under construction. Thanks to Gil Hoffman, Jim Arnts, and the many photographers for keeping the website up-to-date for us.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Visited a restaurant that you feel is outstanding? Please consider submitting an article to the *Libretto*. Check out the *Libretto* Index to see the many restaurant reviews that have already been published.

FLU SHOT CLINICS

Tony Loiacono made arrangements for SV residents to get flu shots this year. There will be three clinics held in the Clubhouse. The dates are:

October 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m.

October 22 from 6 - 8 p.m.

The last few years, the flu season started late, so both the CDC and NIH have recommended that we wait until October.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD

The *Vacations* Show will end on **Sunday, September 29**. Please mark your calendars to **pick up** your artwork on **September 29** between 10 a.m. and noon! We would like to keep the artwork up until after the *Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre*. The acoustic ceiling will be installed during this time.

Our next Show will be *Winter*. We will accept artwork on **Saturday, October 26**, from 10 a.m. - noon. We will prepare and hang the new show that afternoon. Our **Reception for *Winter***, will be **Sunday, October 27**, from 4 - 6 p.m.

Please look through your photos and get those brushes swishing for *Winter*. We also have two glass cabinets to fill. Let me know if YOU would like to be a *Featured Artist!* Contact Sue Canfield at suecanfield20@gmail.com.

BOCCE BANTER—LABOR DAY BOCCE TOURNAMENT

DON RIZZO

The demand for seats at the Symphony Village Labor Day Bocce Tournament exceeded all expectations this year. The reason? Word leaked out that the registrations for the tournament included seven former Picnic Champions. These seven past heroes competing with one another would certainly guarantee matches that would be discussed in memoriam. Certainly, no sane Villager would want to miss such an event.

As the six qualifying teams entered the courts, you could hear the excited spectators squealing in delight as they caught sight of their favorite players in the following teams: Bud and Rene Burgan with Anita Dell and Terri Kline; Jack Cohen with Judy Lambrix and Linda Schmidt; Patti and Tony Cipriano with Jack Walsh; Bob Eaves and Bill Wells with Bonnie Griffith; Carol and Larry Hodges with Mary and George Drake; and Amy and Jay Landen with Cindy Bogner. An announcement asking vendors to cease serving during play was met by loud applause from an appreciative crowd more interested in *bocce to behold* than another sip of Bud Lite.



Finalists in the Labor Day bocce tournament included left to right Bonnie Griffith, Bill Wells, Bob Eaves, Jack Walsh, and Tony and Patty Cipriano

The respectful crowd secretly prayed for their own favorites' success as Miss McGraw's fifth grade class sang our National Anthem in patriotic fashion while twirling their red, white and blue batons. And then, at last ... the action began.

Given the single elimination format, each point was important and feverishly fought over. After all, nobody invests in hours of practice, film, strategy sessions, and diet restrictions to get eliminated in the first round. When the dust had settled, the Burgans, the Eaves, and the Ciprianos earned the right to continue onto the Semifinals. By reason of a coin toss, the Ciprianos got the *bye* leaving the Burgans and the Eaves to battle and, to the delight of the crowd, they did that indeed. After an extended match, with each team threatening throughout, the Eaves finally prevailed and advanced to the Final.



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At this point, the Eaves team had been playing in two very competitive matches. After discussion with the officials and agreement from their upcoming opponent, the Ciprianos, a fifteen-minute beer break was granted. Ain't bocce great! What other sport has a beer break?

During the beer break, since only one court was now to be used, the stands were re-configured to allow even more spectators an advantaged view of what was surely to be an exciting final. Each team had previously won a Picnic Championship and each was familiar with the perks that go with such an honor. Signing autographs while dining out is a small inconvenience for past champions compared to the benefits reaped throughout the years.

Now, ready to go, the Eaves came out smoking as they surged to a 6-0 lead in this final. What was this? Were the spectators going to demand refunds since they had anticipated a real barn burner? Then it was 6-2, and little by little the score got closer as each team thrilled the crowd with their bocce skills time and again. With the Eaves ahead 10-9 and only one point away from success, a silence fell upon the spectators as the next frame began. The kind of silence where, it's as if everyone is afraid to breathe. With only one ball left to be thrown in the next frame, the score reflected one point for the Ciprianos which would tie up the game. With Tony Cipriano now poised to throw his last ball;



2019 Labor Day Bocce Champs including left to right Jack Walsh and Patty and Tony Cipriano.

the question was, would he go for the win or play it safe? Well, don't you know, as he has done time and again, without any hesitation he deftly rolled his ball into a very narrow space to pick up his second point and an 11-10 win to capture the championship.

Horns blared, whistles blew, and the fifth graders recklessly threw their batons in the air. Once again, joy was spread in the Village as the participants and spectators, winners all, shared in the pleasure of a wonderful day at the SV Bocce Courts.

Fall Bocce League

The Fall Bocce League commences the 2019 season on **Saturday, September 7**. Matches are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and will run each Saturday through **October 5** with the Playoffs held the following week on **October 12**. Teams of two or more players will compete for the coveted McNeal Cup, a symbol of bocce excellence awarded to the league champions. All are welcome to join the fun—either as a spectator or a participant.

Remember: Open Bocce on **Wednesdays** at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome! It is said that Bocce cannot only add some years to your life, but also more importantly, add some life to your years!! Give it a try and ...

... Let the Good Times Roll!!

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SYMPHONY VILLAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

CAROL HODGES

Our eleventh annual Symphony Village golf tournament is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 15**, at Blue Heron Golf Course. We will play the back nine holes. Tee time is at 10 a.m. using a scramble *best ball* format. The COST is \$20 per player and includes green fees, cart, and awards. The awards will be presented at our luncheon at the Kentmoor Restaurant immediately following the tournament. Non-playing spouses or guests are encouraged to attend.

The Kentmoor once again will allow us to order from the menu and provide separate checks. Please let Rich Ryan (410-758-2136), or Carol Hodges (443-735-0112) know by **October 8** if you plan to play and if your spouse or a guest is coming to lunch. Spots are limited to the first 36 players who sign up and pay. You may form your own foursome or Carol and Rich will form teams. Cash or checks may be made out to Blue Heron Golf Club and should be given to Carol or Rich. Hope you can join us for this fun-filled event.

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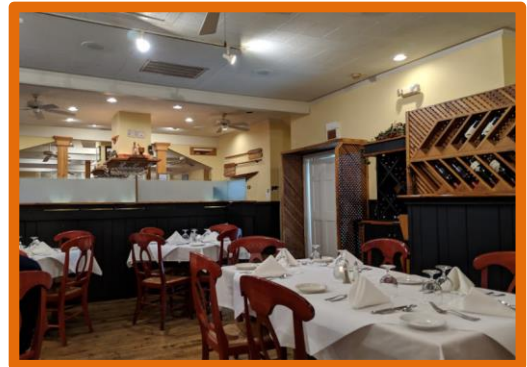
BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO



The October Lunch Bunch has been scheduled for Latitude 38 located at **26342 Oxford Road in Oxford, Maryland** on Thursday, October 3, at 12:30 p.m. Latitude 38, situated at the entrance of the quaint little town of Oxford, is a dining experience

no one should miss. The restaurant décor features two dining rooms with linen tablecloths, a bar, and a cozy fireplace. The menu changes every two weeks and features cuts of beef, pork, lamb, and chicken. The chef also incorporates fresh local seafood such as crabs and oysters and local produce into all of his culinary masterpieces. Transportation to and from all Oxford marinas is provided.

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** located in the Wall Street Room. 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

GEORGE DRAKE

Ahhh – at last – some cooler weather and lower humidity! Pickleball continues into the fall with a slight change in schedule: Wednesday and Sunday evening play now starts at 6 p.m. due to the shorter days.

Symphony Village players and a couple of players from classes at the Institute of Adult Learning (Chesapeake College) have teamed up to play Pickleball at the 2019 Senior Sports Summit. As of this writing, we don't know the schedule except that play will be at The Edge Training Academy, 112 Log Canoe Circle (the Business Park), Stevensville on **September 30**. If you would like to view the games and cheer us on, contact one of our players in mid-September for the scheduled play. With cooler weather approaching, you can come out and try your hand at Pickleball—rackets are graciously loaned from players to newbies to try the game.

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Middle Row: Courtney Pilgrim, Barbara Muller,
Linda Farrar, Dottie Mazocchi
Bottom Left: Mary Lewis, Pat Kindle,

While the Symphony Village Quilters do not meet during the summer, we stayed busy making Christmas stockings for the troops overseas. One of our members, Barbara Muller, suggested this project. We had fun using our stash of Christmas fabric to make these cute stockings. In all, we were able to make 92 stockings which will be filled and sent to the troops. You can get an idea of the different stockings in this picture.

The Quilters meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Craft Room. We always welcome new members.

READING FOR FUN

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met August 20 to review *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn and Jim Buckheit, Lidija Kampa, Peggy Decker, JoAnn Walker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Bob Nilsson, Lee Ettman, and Susan Goldberg.

On a dark mid-winter's night on the River Thames, a grievously wounded stranger bursts through the door of the ancient Swan Inn, holding a lifeless young girl in his arms. But the girl, presumed dead, suddenly breathes again and the storytellers who inhabit the Swan begin to unravel this mystery. The story widens to involve four girls: Ann, Amelia, Alice, and the unknown girl who has apparently come back to life. Is the unknown girl actually one of the other three, who are all missing? Ms. Setterfield intertwines their stories with the winding river and the people who occupy its banks.

The book is a challenging mystery that incorporates the rich tradition of storytelling with a little mythology as the desperate families of the three missing girls seek to discover if the strange new girl is their lost child. The author keeps the reader in suspense to the very end.

In fact, when the Book Club gathered to discuss the book, it became apparent that many members were still in suspense. Not all the members persisted to the end of the book, but we had a spirited discussion to clarify the answer to the mystery. Personally, I had it about 80% right and the discussion helped greatly. Kathryn Buckheit suggested reading the book a second time to uncover more details, but I don't think anyone plans to attempt that. Needless to say, *Once Upon a River* drew a wide range of scores with a final average of 4.55. While the score is low for our club, the book had some strong supporters and is a challenging mystery that is well written.

I keep an updated list of our scores and books in the **Club Activities Binder** in the Wall Street Room (under Book Club.) Upcoming Book Club meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse. Meeting dates and associated books we plan to review are listed below.

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

October 15 – Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan

November 19 – Where the Crawdad's Sing by Delia Owens

SOCIAL SINGLES

CAROL DONNELLY

Some of our members are off to Southern Italy and Sicily beginning **September 23!** We hope to post some pictures of our fun when we return.

The Italy Bunch for members is at Mamma Mia's on **September 17**. Meet in the parking lot.

Our next meeting is **October 9** at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. If you are new to Symphony or have not attended previously, consider coming to meetings and events. Fall is here!

For Information: carol.m.donnely@gmail.com

CERT NEWS—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR



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National Preparedness Month 2019

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is **Prepared, Not Scared.**

Now is the time to make and/or review your emergency plan. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect our area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these four questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

1. How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
2. What is my shelter plan?
3. What is my evacuation route?
4. What is my family/household communication plan?

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

Tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss how people in your network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of

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durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance.

Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan.

Download and fill out a [Family Emergency Plan](#) or use the plan as a guide to create your own. A sample plan can be found on the web by clicking on [Family Emergency Plan](#).

Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household.

SHERIFF HOFMANN BRIEFING AND K9 DEMONSTRATION

On **Tuesday, October 8** at 5:30 p.m. **in the Concert Hall**, Sheriff Hofmann will provide a briefing, including a K9 demonstration. He has promised to include information on how to respond to emergency situations such as an active shooter. Also spread the news! The Sheriff's open house will be at his office on October 19, everyone is invited!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Spotlight on Ginny

This month we highlight our neighbor, Ginny (Virginia) Guy. An article was written in the Libretto spotlighting Ginny three years ago. Today she has a new passion.

First, some highlights about Ginny. She and her husband Steve have lived in Symphony Village for eight years. They have been married 55 years and have two children and five grandchildren. They met at Indiana University and settled in Silver Spring, Maryland, where Steve set up his dental practice. Besides volunteering in the PTA, The Sweet Adelines, and raising children,

Ginny was the office manager for Steve's practice. Today, Ginny has a new venture. She is on the board of the organization called *Queen Anne's at Home*. This organization started about three years ago with a goal to support seniors who stay at home. The mission of this organization is to help people come together to form a community of people who help each other through trading services, sharing information through workshops and seminars, and providing opportunities for socialization.

If you want to learn more about Ginny's passion *Queen Anne's at Home*, send her an email at jinnjouris@gmail.com

CENTREVILLE ELECTIONS—OCTOBER 7, 2019

The [Town of Centreville Elections](#) for (1) Town Council Member for a three (3) year term and a Charter Amendment to Increase the Number of Town Council Members from three (3) to five (5) will be held on Monday, October 7, at the Queen Anne's County Office Building, Planning & Zoning meeting room, 110 Vincit Street, Centreville, Maryland from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please click [Town of Centreville Elections](#) to go to the website for official information and absentee ballots.

Mark your Calendar! Candidates Forum

Monday, September 23, 7 p.m.

Vincit Building (County Building across from The Lion's Den Diner & Ice Cream Parlor)

Hosted by the [League of Women Voters of Queen Anne's County](#).

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ELEANOR STRIETMAN

As you may know, Symphony Village has supported Compass Regional Hospice for almost as many years as there has been a Symphony Village. Through the SV Outreach Committee, the residents of Symphony Village have raised funds and made several very generous donations to the building and furnishing of the Hospice facility. SV Outreach continues to make yearly donations to Hospice in support of Camp New Dawn, a summer camp for children dealing with grief. In addition, Villagers have served as volunteers at Hospice in many capacities from clerical support to patient care.

Hospice needs even more volunteers – especially people with clerical backgrounds. Volunteers are needed to answer phones. Patient care volunteers are being sought as well. All patient care volunteers must complete special training provided by Hospice in order to be a patient care volunteer. This training is scheduled for November 5, 6, and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Central Library, 100 Market Street, Denton, Maryland.

Another way to volunteer requires at least some sewing skills and sounds like fun! Hospice is seeking people with sewing machines to make Memory Bears. A pattern and materials are provided. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or more information, please contact Robyn Affron, Volunteer Manager, at raffron@compassregionalhospice.org. You can also call her at 443-262-4112.



GRANDCHILDREN'S HALLOWE'EN PARTY

CARLENE COOKE

It is time to sign up for the **Grandchildren's Hallowe'en Party** held on **Sunday, October 27**, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse for grandchildren ages 2-10. There will be crafts, games, pictures, snacks, and a costume parade complete with trick or treating.

Please sign up now in the Hallowe'en **Party Notebook** in the Wall Street Room. Place your checks in the cashbox in the Wall Street Room. Please make checks out to SVHOA. The cost is \$7 per child. Grandparents must be in attendance. Deadline for sign up is **Friday, October 18**. Please sign up as early as you can; we need at least 30 children, ages 3 - 10, to make this work—we need time to prepare.

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Any questions, please call Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744.

A GARDEN STORY: FROM A LAY PERSON WHO IS STILL LEARNING.

SUSAN RAYNER

Larry and I moved in almost five years ago. Having come from a home with shade gardens, I was stymied by all of the sun my gardens in Symphony Village were getting. Gone were my favorites: rhododendrons, hostas, and hydrangeas, dogwoods. I was close to tears and at a loss as to what plants liked high sun, all day long. I took one full season and watched the sun. Sure enough, while the front does get morning and early afternoon sun in the winter, it is shaded by a crepe myrtle in the summer. *Ha Ha*, I can have hydrangeas, and hostas, if I'm careful, and aucubas love the shade, as well, as long as a little light gets to them. But I didn't see one rhodo in this area thriving. The backyard was another story that took much longer. Working first on the front, I began laying down the *bones*. While I'm pleased with the *bones* in the front, I'm still looking for the ornamentals that will really make my heart soar when arriving home. I'll get there!

Turning to my backyard was a major challenge. Both of my neighbors put in beautifully landscaped patios (thank you, Amy Landen and Joyce Ordun). I guess I was supposed to as well. But wait, I don't like sitting out in the sun. I have a screened-in porch, with fans, and a community pool; why do I need a patio? I turned to a professional, who listened to me and gave me exactly what I wanted: a garden with a fountain for the music of water running. Now we watch the birds bathe in the morning and drink at happy hour. Greenwood Creek Landscaping gave me the *bones* of my back garden.

Now, the reason for this article. I needed seasonal color, and additions, here and there—an expansion to the professional's design. Here is my tip: start now taking pictures of your garden. When everything is in full bloom you will see sun damage, you'll see empty spaces, you'll see color mismatches, and you'll see what you love about your gardens. By taking a picture now, you can take the winter to redesign, reconfigure, and reinvent your seasonal gardens for





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next year. What is making a big splash, what was a waste of time planting, what got too much sun, what spread out looking for sun, and what is trying to take over the garden? I also suggest you take another picture in mid-January. How does your garden look? Is it bare because the seasonal plants and flowers are gone, or are there bare spots that look like wintertime and are okay? Is color needed in your garden? Do you wish you had some evergreens to cut for the indoors?

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. I found by taking pictures of my gardens in different seasons, the problems scream at me, usually making it obvious what I did wrong. I wish some of our Master Gardeners (hint, hint, Kathy McManus) would give us planting tips, seasonal plants that do well here, *good bone* plants, plants/shrubs that love SV, etc. Tell us what to look for as diseases begin eating our plants. If I lose one more yew, I'm giving up on them. Do they not like me or is there a spider mite eating them? I think we all would like to hear from the real gardeners in the village as to what works and what doesn't. My garden is still a work in progress but what fun figuring it all out.

BOB NILSSON RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

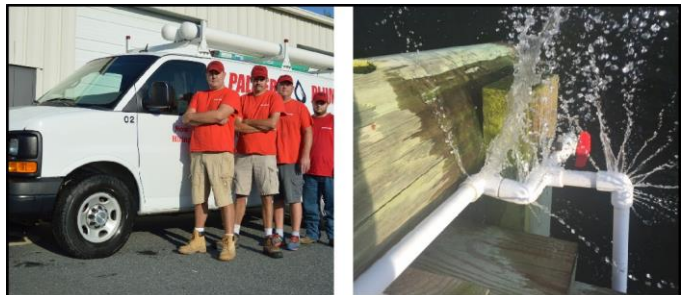


Bob Nilsson, our neighbor in the SV Community, was awarded the [Distinguished Citizen Award](#) for his work with wounded veterans at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. The award was presented on August 22 in Bethesda by Brian Thacker, *left*, and H.C. Barney Barnum Jr., *right*, both Medal of Honor recipients. Read more about this award at the [Bay Times and Record Observer](#).

23 & ME AND MY "NEW" COUSINS!

PAT FOX

Several months ago, I joined 23 & Me, a DNA-based genealogy search site. I received an email that listed other people within their database who shared DNA with me. There were two second cousins – one of which I knew – but the other was a complete stranger. I contemplated whether to make contact and then decided to do it and emailed Denise. Happily, she responded but neither of us knew about each other. How were we related? After much back and forth, bolstered by her more in-depth family tree facts, we concluded that her grandmother and mine were sisters born in Bavaria, Germany, in the 1880s but raised in South Dakota. Sadly, both sisters – Catherine and Maria – died young when their respective sons were about ten years old. My father and hers both grew up without a mother and



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suffered a broken link with the family as my side no longer lived in South Dakota but had moved to New York.

This week I had a “reunion” in Lancaster PA with Denise and her sister Rosemary. I went armed with a picture of them in case I had to comb the lobby asking, “Are you my cousins?” There were no pregnant pauses in our 24-hour visit. We slipped right into discussing family history and our own personal stories. Of course, we added Dutch cooking and Amish craft shopping into the mix! As we left for home, we promised to stay in touch regularly as I said it took us 68 years to find each other. So, if you are thinking about trying a DNA genealogy search do it – it could be fun like our encounter. Of course, if you go with 23 & Me in addition to identifying your ethnicity and living relations, they also tell you what percentage of Neanderthal DNA you have. And that is a story for another day.

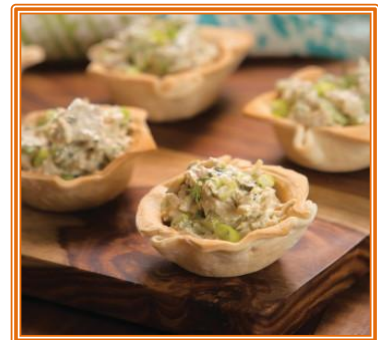
CHICKEN SALAD IN HOMEMADE PIZZA-DOUGH POCKETS

SOME WITH CUCUMBERS AND OTHERS WITH TOMATOES

DEBI WELLS

Ingredients for Homemade Pizza Dough

3 ½ - 4 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. sugar
2 tbsp. Canola oil
1 envelope yeast (1¼ oz. packet)
2 tsp. kosher salt
1½ cups lukewarm water (about 110° F)
Olive oil spray



Bill Wells' Chicken Salad in a Pocket

Directions

Combine the flour, sugar, yeast, and salt in a mixer with a dough hook. While the mixer is running, add the water (a little at a time) and add two tablespoons of oil and beat until the dough forms into a ball. Add flour if the ball is too sticky, about a tablespoon at a time, until it begins to stick together as a solid ball. Knead the ball for a minute or two.

Spray some olive oil in a bowl and add the dough. Place the dough in a warm place to rise to double its size (about one hour.) Turn out the ball onto a floured surface and divide into four pieces. Place a towel or plastic wrap over each and let them rest for about ten minutes.

Ingredients for Homemade Mayonnaise

2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup Canola oil
1 large egg
½ tsp. dry mustard

Directions

Blend egg, lemon juice, mustard powder, and salt in a blender or food processor. With blender running constantly, slowly add the oil, a little at a time, until

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it's thick and creamy. (It will thicken even more when refrigerated.) Keep refrigerated.

Ingredients for Chicken Salad

4 roasted or rotisserie chicken thighs, very finely chopped
2 green onions, very finely chopped
1 stalk celery, very finely chopped
2/3 cup Mayo, homemade (or more)
2 tbsp. fresh tarragon finely chopped (or 2 tsp. dry)
1 tbsp. fresh oregano finely chopped (or 1 tsp. dry)
1 clove garlic
1 tsp. seasoned salt

Directions

Since the salad will be placed in a small dough cup, it is important the solid ingredients are very finely chopped. Use just enough mayo to coat the ingredients (too much mayonnaise will make the salad too wet to mound in the pizza dough pockets and will make them soggy). Don't worry if it seems dry—the tomatoes or cucumbers will provide some additional moisture. Blend all the ingredients together in a bowl. Set the salad aside in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Accompaniments

2/3 cup tomatoes, very finely chopped with a dash of seasoned salt
2/3 cup seeded cucumber, very finely chopped with a dash of seasoned salt

Finely chop the tomatoes and cucumbers. Place into individual covered cups, in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Directions to Assemble the Pizza Dough Pockets

Set oven temperature to 325⁰ F. Work the dough so that it is about ¼" thick. Using a 2 ½" round cookie cutter cut several dough pieces. Press the dough pieces into the cups of a 24-form (small) muffin pan. Press the pieces so that the dough sticks up past the cup's top edge. Make sure to press them firmly against the sides of the cup to ensure when they are baked they will provide a deep pocket to add the accompaniment and chicken salad. Bake the tray of dough pockets for about 7 - 9 minutes. Make sure to check they are lightly browning evenly and adjust the baking time accordingly. Place the baked pockets on a rack to cool. The dough pockets may seem a bit stiff or hard, but that's fine because the accompaniments and salad won't make them soggy before they are eaten.

Using a small spoon, place a spoonful of tomatoes or cucumbers into the pockets. Add a heaping spoonful of salad on top of the accompaniment. Place on a serving dish—they are ready to be eaten!

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Although there is nothing better than homemade items, you can buy the pizza dough already made—**Pillsbury or Pepe’s pizza dough**— if you are stretched for time. And by all means, use a good quality mayonnaise and rotisserie chicken. The appetizers will still be very good.

Upcoming Events at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

LINDA BLUME

- **Thursday, September 26**, 6 – 8 p.m.: Star Wars vs. Star Trek Trivia Night (Preregister on the website)
- **Saturday, September 28**, 3 – 4 p.m.: Crime and a Cuppa (Preregister on the website)

WORD SCRAMBLE

LINDA BLUME

Unscramble these words that relate to September:

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| 1. OLCEOR SGNHIT | 6. BOOAWELRY EICLRAPTSRLA |
| 2. TUUANM SGBNIE | 7. OIVGA and AILRB |
| 3. DSYA RGWO HRSREOT | 8. RATEMCNYUHHSMS |
| 4. ONCR NOMO | 9. ARLOB YDA |
| 5. NRAGTAPDRNAS AYD | 10. PHRESPAI |

Answers to Word Scramble on Page 23.

AMERICAN LEGION

LINDA BLUME

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, September 20:** No dinner – preparing for Oktoberfest
- Friday, September 27:** Steamed Shrimp Dinner, \$15
- Friday, October 4:** Turkey Dinner
- Friday, October 11:** Spaghetti and Sausage Dinner



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

Town Hall Meeting – Save the

Thursday
September 26, 2019
1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm.

Location: Grasonville Senior Center
4802 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638

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Hear Ye!

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CENTREVILLE EVENTS

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, September 17**, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Acoustic musicians, writers, and poets are welcome to share their original work on stage. Admission is free.

Oktoberfest



The American Legion Riders of Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville will host Oktoberfest on **Saturday, September 21**, 1 – 5 p.m. This will be a fun-filled family event with food, beverage, and activities for all ages. All-inclusive admission tickets are \$50, \$20, and \$10.

Fundraiser Dinner at Doc's



Doc's Riverside Grille in Centreville will host a [Fundraiser Dinner](#) on Wednesday, September 25, 5 – 8 p.m. Doc's will donate a portion of sales that evening to the Friends of the Queen Anne's County Library.

Scarecrow Friends



QAC Parks and Recreation will host [Scarecrow Friends](#) for ages 4 and up on **Saturday, September 28**, noon – 3 p.m., at Conquest Beach (1000 Conquest Beach Road) in Centreville. This is a hands-on workshop. Straw, string, and directions will be supplied to help make your scarecrow come to life. Children will also participate in painting pumpkins and various arts and crafts. Each participant needs to bring long pants and a long sleeve shirt. The cost is \$20 per participant. Preregister on the website; the program number is #190019.

North Brook Community Yard Sale



The North Brook Community (on Route 213 just north of Centreville) will hold a Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, October 12**, 8 a.m. – noon. A map will be available to show visitors where the sales are.

S'mores and Stories



QAC Parks and Recreation will host [Smores and Stories](#) for ages 3 – 15 on **Friday, October 4**, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., at Conquest Beach (1000 Conquest Beach Road) in Centreville. Hear sounds of the wild night life and see the beautiful areas of Conquest. What goes better with a night sky than a campfire and gooey s'mores? The cost is \$5 person. Preregister on the website; the program number is #190020.

Word Scramble Answers:

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| 1. COOLER NIGHTS | 6. WOOLYBEAR CATERPILLARS |
| 2. AUTUMN BEGINS | 7. VIRGO and LIBRA |
| 3. DAYS GROW SHORTER | 8. CHRYSANTHEMUMS |
| 4. CORN MOON | 9. LABOR DAY |
| 5. GRANDPARENTS DAY | 10. SAPPHIRE |

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

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