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# *LIBRETTO*

## **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.

### **Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



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## **2019 HOA BOD ELECTION YEAR UPDATES**

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In November, each SV homeowner will receive a ballot (one per household) in the mail asking them to vote to fill two vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Symphony Village is very fortunate to have three residents step up and be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. They are Bill Sluss, Skip Kornmeyer, and Pat Fox. Residents may access the candidates' resumes posted on the [Governance Page of the SV Website](#).

Paper copies of each candidate's information will be available at the Clubhouse front desk.

You can get to know each candidate and have your specific questions answered at a MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT on Thursday, November 7, in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse. For the convenience of residents, two sessions will be held—one at 10 a.m. and one at 6 p.m.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ACTIONS ITEMS – SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

### INTERIM ELECTRONIC VOTES:

- **Irrigation Repair (Urgent):** An electronic motion was made to approve a proposal from Complete Landscaping in the amount of \$9,080 to repair a leak in a 4" main irrigation line located under the road at the 700 block of Harmony Way where it intersects Symphony Way. Motion made August 29, 2019; vote passed September 2, 2019.
- **HVAC Units Replacement (Urgent):** An electronic motion was made to approve the proposal from Northern Bay Environmental Systems, Inc. to replace the 7.5-ton HVAC system servicing the bar/lobby area and the 10-ton HVAC system servicing the gym in the amount of \$43,365. This was a time sensitive matter as the bar/lobby HVAC failed in early August and both at the end of their life expectancy. Simultaneous replacement eliminates the need and cost of general contracting/carpentry work for a second time in the near future. Motion made September 6, 2019; vote passed September 10, 2019.
- **CD Purchase (Time Sensitive):** An electronic motion was made to approve the recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee to purchase an 18-month CD in the amount of \$200,000 at a 2.50% interest rate. This was a time, sensitive matter as interest rates are dropping rapidly. Motion made September 13, 2019; Vote passed September 21, 2019.

### BOARD MEETING VOTES:

- **Electronic Vote Ratification:** Approved a motion at the September 27, 2019 meeting to ratify the Urgent/Time Sensitive electronic votes.
- **2020 Home Inspections:** Approved a motion to not schedule home inspections in 2020 but to evaluate the work done by the contractor for the 2019 inspections and then decide on a future course of action.
- **Irrigation Winterization:** Approved a motion to accept the quote from Level Green—our new 2020 Landscape and Irrigation Company—to conduct the winterization work for the irrigation system at a cost of \$3,475 instead of allowing the current contractor to do the work.
- **Snow Contract:** Approved a motion to award the 2020 snow removal contract to Chester River Landscaping with same labor, equipment, and material rates as the 2019 contract.
- **Pool Maintenance Contract:** Approved a motion to award the 2020 pool maintenance contract to Anchor Aquatics at a cost of \$22,980.
- **Benches:** Approved a motion, based on the recommendation of the Operations Committee, to purchase four heavy-duty, recycled plastic benches from Park Warehouse at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.
- **Pool Rule Revision:** Approved a motion to amend the Pool Rules to allow pool volleyball, using a beach ball only, when sponsored by the Lifestyle Committee and included on the Master Calendar, to the following: “Pool rafts, tubes, balls, Frisbees, etc. are not permitted in the pool. Pool volleyball may be played—using a beach ball only—if the games are formally sponsored by the Lifestyle Committee and included on the SV Master Calendar.
- **Perimeter Tree Inspection:** Approved a motion to approve \$1,500 for Wetland Studies Solutions to inspect the community’s perimeter trees located within the Forest Conservation Zone this year and to provide an arborist’s report identifying any that could cause a safety issue. This inspection is to be done every three years.
- **Turf Aeration and Overseeding:** Approved a motion, based on the Landscaping Committee’s recommendation, to have the residents’ lot lawns aerated and overseeded at a cost of \$4,950 (cost of which will be covered by credits from the landscape company for three fewer mows this year).

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### 2020 SV COMMITTEE SIGN UP

SV has seven official committees as stated in the [Terms of Reference](#):

- Artisans Guild
- Budget and Finance
- Covenants
- Landscape and Irrigation
- Lifestyle
- Operations
- Publications and Communications

Every year, residents in good standing may choose to remain on a committee(s) that they have served on in the current year and/or may choose to join a committee(s) for the first time. Both actions require a yearly sign-up. Residents may sign up either online (go to [2020 Committee Signups](#)) or on sign-up sheets located on the credenza in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse.

Please sign up no later than Thursday, January 2, 2020. Please do not sign up in both places.

Don't live in SV 12 months of the year? You may still join a committee—you are deemed "inactive" while away from SV. To see a summary of committee duties, go to the Terms of Reference cited above.

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### ARTISANS GUILD NEWS – SUE CANFIELD

Our new show, *Winter*, will grace the walls of the Bernstein and Copland Rooms on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Please plan to drop off all art pieces on **Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to noon**. Please make sure they are wired on the back to be able to hang on our system. Waivers will be needed for those who have not signed one this year. Entry forms will be available in the Wall Street Room or upon request. You **must take a small photo of each of your pieces** and staple to the Entry Form. Contact Sue Canfield [suecanfield20@gmail.com](mailto:suecanfield20@gmail.com)

A reception for *Winter* will be held on Sunday, October 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bernstein and Copland Rooms. Please join us!

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## LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION – TOM McMANUS, LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

### A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The principle function of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee is to provide input and recommendations to both Management and the Board of Directors regarding the maintenance and upkeep of all common area landscaping in and around Symphony Village as well as the operations of the irrigation systems.

For landscaping, we accomplish this by observing the conditions within the community ourselves, and by listening to residents' comments, ideas, and suggestions. Of course, we hear all the complaints; most of which we are already aware of, as we live here too.

For Irrigation, members of our team actively monitor what is happening, just about on a daily basis. Due to the disappointing lack of capabilities of our contractor, our team often investigates, researches, and recommends to the contractor intelligent changes to the automated processes to improve overall performance and effectiveness.

Last, but not least, is our Trees Subcommittee. They are often the most active of any on the committee. With so many trees to oversee and so many situations that arise, there is a lot of work to do. Many requests from residents involve questions and issues with trees. We are fortunate though to have an excellent resource to call on in these cases.

All these members meet monthly to discuss the most urgent issues of the day and to plan for what's coming up. We develop a budget of expected costs and expenses for the future, and we prepare overall plans for getting the work done that we deem most important. Once approved, we work to locate and engage the best contractors we can for the different jobs involved.

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The point of this note is to again ask for your help and assistance. We already have very knowledgeable team members who are familiar with the subject matter, but we need to have even more. Some members have contributed much over the years to the betterment of this community; maybe they need a break. And, it's always good to get fresh eyes on things. If you have a working knowledge of trees (species, diseases, upkeep, characteristics, etc.), we can use you. If you are a Master Gardner "sort" or a "want-to-be," we can use you. If you have an engineering or computer background, you might help us oversee our irrigation system. We would like to ultimately transfer this last effort over to the Management team, but it must be further automated, simplified, and packaged well before that can happen.

Thank you for your support and understanding; we pledge to keep all residents aware of our progress as we move forward.

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

Welcome to fall when calendars begin to fill up with harvest events. We wish everyone a Happy fall season! Thank you to all who signed up for our events on time. It means a lot to us and makes planning so much easier.



We'd also like to remind everyone attending events, especially Social Hours, to help clean up afterward. It will make our hosts' job so much easier if you put your plates, crumbs, napkins, and used cutlery in the nearest trash can; take your food and serving dishes home or, at 8 p.m., put it on the Receptionist's countertop so you don't forget to take it home. Unfortunately, if you do forget, your contribution will have to be trashed. Food left overnight draws bugs and worse, so we cannot leave it standing in the Clubhouse.

When Lifestyle events are free, we will begin to put a "Click Here" on our SV Residents eBlasts, making it easy to sign up. There will continue to be a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book, but please do not sign up in both places. Our goal is to make life a little easier for everyone, as well as get a more accurate count for our events. Events that include a charge, and therefore call for a check, will continue to require sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

We are looking for new members for the Lifestyle Committee 2020. Do you like to plan parties? Do you like to attend parties and don't mind helping to set up? Do you have a special interest you would like to share? Are you new to the community and ready to make new friends? Lifestyle is the Committee for you. We are all about Events. We like a mixture of guest speakers, educational seminars, and fun parties. Please drop in to any of our remaining meetings (first Monday of each month) to meet us and see if this is the Committee for you or take a chance and just jump in on January 6 at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We need both planners and worker bees. You will never feel pressured to take on an event of your own, if that is not to your liking. Maybe there is one event you want to

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do in 2020. Give us a call, get on the agenda, and present your idea. We'll give you all the help we can.

Join Randy Officer for a great, fun, and entertaining movie, *Yesterday*. The date is **Saturday, October 26**, at 7 p.m. We will also have Movie Nights on November 30 and December 28 with titles to be determined. Watch for future announcements.

We will not have a **Social Hour** on **Friday, November 1**, due to the big Sneakers Auction Event on **Saturday, November 2**.

See you all for the Veterans Day Social Hour on **Saturday, November 16**, at 6 p.m. This yearly event is hosted by Amy and Joe Marotta. If you have given your name, rank, and military branch to the Marottas, then you need to do nothing more this year. If you are new to the community and would like to join in this celebration of your service, please send your information to: [ajdmarotta@yahoo.com](mailto:ajdmarotta@yahoo.com)

For the last few years, we have gone holiday caroling through the Village. This year we will keep it indoors in the Lobby of the Clubhouse and would like to include a jam session as well as a sing-along. If you are a musician, please let us know if you are interested: [susanrayner129@gmail.com](mailto:susanrayner129@gmail.com).



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## **OUTREACH – ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY – LORETTA QUIGLEY, CO-CHAIR**

Your Outreach team is proud to announce that our September Fall Tea and Fashion Show was a great success! Ninety-seven women and young ladies attended a wonderful afternoon at The Milestone and were served a complete afternoon tea with all the trimmings.

A Fashion Show hosted by Chico's completed the program. Our SV models—Gail Brown, Celia Love, Terri O'Connell, Kathy McManus, and Jo Kirchner—were wonderful ambassadors for the Fall fashions they selected to model. A hearty thanks to the Co-Chairs and the Steering Committee: Jane Romany, Marge Strano, Bea Trotta, Sue Canfield, and Linda Blume for their hard work and dedication to this project. Over \$2,500 was raised for the charities with whom Outreach partners in Queen Anne's County.

Many thanks to our corporate sponsors for their support of this activity!

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## **SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH UPDATE – SUE CANFIELD**

**Wednesday, October 9**, we hosted a shredding event. Once again, our neighbors supported us so we could raise over \$600. We want to express a huge **Thank You** for your generosity.

The monies we made will be used to support many local events including Compass Regional Hospice, Haven Ministries, Queenstown Emergency Center, Crossroads Community Inc., the Queen Anne's County Library, the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, and many other groups that have asked for our assistance.

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## **WORD SCRAMBLE – UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS RELATING TO OCTOBER:**

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## SEPTEMBER FALL TEA AND FASHION SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



*Top Photo: September Fall Tea and Fashion Show models —  
Jo Kirchner, Gail Brown, Terri O'Connell, Celia Love, Kathy McManus*

*Bottom Photo: Joan Studnicky, Marlene Tennier, Judy Scully, Judy Webster (standing), Jackie Moran*



## **SNEAKERS – LINDA FARRAR**

### **2019 GALA SILENT AUCTION**

Here is your official invitation to the Sneakers annual fundraiser. Please sign up in the Sneakers notebook in the Wall Street Room and drop your check in the small check box. Your tickets will be delivered to your house.



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## **2019 SYMPHONY SNEAKERS FUNDRAISING GALA AND SILENT AUCTION**

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Sneakers members have been hard at work preparing for this festive evening. We have lots of items for the auction as well as our raffles including a huge basket of cheer, 50/50, and our famous restaurant raffle. Also, don't forget the scrumptious food along with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks.

Don't wait—buy your ticket to our annual fundraiser now! Celebrate with us while supporting the public school children in this area.

### **SANTA TREE ORNAMENTS**

Santa Tree—You can make a difference in a child's holiday by choosing a tag from our Santa Tree located in the Wall Street Room. School Counselors in our local schools have identified worthy families that need help with the holidays. Please consider purchasing a gift that the family has requested, wrapping it, attaching the identifying tag and a gift slip, and returning it to the Wall Street Room by December 7. Directions are on the table under the tree. If possible, also enclose an age-appropriate book. Thanks a million.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next important Sneakers meeting will be **Wednesday, October 16**, at 3 p.m. in the Card Room.

### **HOA DUES RAFFLE**

Congratulations to Chris and Carl Collins, who won the Sneakers HOA Dues Raffle. Their 2020 HOA dues will be paid for the whole year. For those of you who did not win, know that your dollars will all go to worthy projects in the public schools in and around Centreville. Thanks for your generosity.

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

### BIRD CLUB – NAME THAT WOODPECKER! – LINDA BLUME



If you are lucky enough to have woodpeckers come to your bird feeders here in SV, the two most common are the Downy Woodpecker (left) and the Red-bellied Woodpecker (right).



Both are generally black and white, but they can be identified by looking at their size (a downy is 6¾" and a red-bellied is 9¼") and where you see red feathers. The male downy has red feathers on the nape of his neck; the female has no red feathers. Both the male and female red-bellied have red feathers on their heads and nape of their necks—the male having more than the female. The woodpeckers also differ in their general black and white pattern: the downy has white below, upper parts mostly black, with a white back, and the red-bellied has a strikingly barred back. Enjoy these visitors!

### Bocce Banter – Fall Bocce Championship– Don Rizzo

On October 12, sports fans could watch baseball, football, basketball, hockey, gymnastics, or boxing, yet all attention was concentrated on the bocce courts at Symphony Village. The reason? That's where the Fall League Championships were being held! That's where the ultra-competitive teams consisting of Jack Walsh and Karen Kram, Tony and Patti Cipriano, Amy and Jay Landen, and Bob Eaves and Bonnie Griffith were facing off to see who would take possession of the coveted McNeal Cup for the next year.

The semi-final matches saw the Ciprianos defeat the Walsh team while the Landens bested the Eaves team setting the stage for what was to be an electrifying final match between the Ciprianos and the Landens, both of whom were previous winners of this event. The spectators were not disappointed as each team forged ahead only to then fall behind as the skill level of these four competitors repeatedly came to the surface when needed most. Finally, with a masterful flurry of creative shots, the Landens edged the Ciprianos 11-9 — and the champagne flowed.

In the consolation match, the combination of Eaves and Griffith bested the Walsh and Kram duo by a score of 11 to 8 to claim third place.

This beautiful fall day was made even better by some delightful gamesmanship conducted by a group of gracious competitors. All this was witnessed by a bevy of appreciative spectators who all then shared a scrumptious lunch. This recalled memories of that legendary Baltimore sports announcer, Chuck Thompson, who, when something good happened, used to say "Ain't the beer cold!" And this day the beer was cold, Chuck, and we would like to add that this day was filled by our Villagers going all out to...

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Just a Reminder: Open Bocce on Wednesdays will be held at 12 noon under the direction of Patti Cipriano. All are invited to become a part of the fun. Patti may be reached at 443-262-8702 for additional information.



*Celebrating the awarding of the McNeal Cup.*

*Front row, left to right: Jay & Amy Landen, Bonnie Griffith, Brad Kram, and Carol Rizzo. Middle row: Karen Kram.  
Back row: Tom & Donna Cullen, Pat Cipriano, Jack Walsh, Bob Eaves, and Tony Cipriano.*

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## **COFFEE BAR COMMITTEE – PAT FOX, MEMBER**

### **COFFEE BAR PAYMENTS!**

The weather is getting cooler so many may want a nice hot drink from the SV Coffee Bar. Enjoy your coffee (regular, decaf); tea (regular, decaf), apple cider, or hot chocolate; but, please remember this operation is user funded and \$1 per drink. No HOA money goes into the operation—no money, no coffee—or the stand closes!

The Committee purchased cold cups to use for a drink of water—less expensive than the hot cups. While there is no charge for these, please feel free to put some money in the jar so we can afford to keep buying them as well. Thanks for your support!

### **MOVING TABLES IN THE BALLROOM**

If you must move one of the larger, heavier tables in the Ballroom, please contact Nick, our Maintenance Tech. If they are unavailable, try to lift the table a bit using several people. The legs broke on one recently as it was being dragged to another position. Dragging the table also scrapes the flooring. Moving this way is better for your back anyway. Thanks for your cooperation.

## **FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS – JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR**

Before the weather gets colder, it's a good time to prepare for winter. Here are a few



things that every homeowner can do that could prevent costly damage.

**Clean gutters and downspouts.** Do this frequently throughout fall to prevent buildup of leaves and other debris. Neglected gutters can lead to wood rot problems and pest infestations, not to mention ruined gutters. Be sure water is not coming down behind gutters and that all support brackets are securely in place.



**Make exterior repairs.** Walk around your property, looking for signs of damage to the roof, siding, and foundation. If you spot anything that needs repair, schedule it now before winter weather hits.

**Shut off exterior faucets and store hoses.** Protect your pipes from freezing temperatures by shutting off water to exterior faucets before the weather dips below freezing. Drain hoses and store them indoors.

**Check safety devices.**

- Test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries as needed.
- Check the expiration date on your fire extinguisher and replace if needed.

**Clean dryer vents.** Lint buildup in dryer vents can make your dryer work less efficiently and even cause a fire—cool, dry, fall weather increases static electricity, which can ignite lint that has built up, so now is a key time to get that lint out.

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## LUNCH BUNCH – BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO



The November Lunch Bunch has been scheduled for The [Robert Morris Inn](#) at 314 North Morris Road, Oxford, Maryland, on **Thursday, November 7**, at 12:30 p.m. The Robert Morris Inn is situated on the beautiful water views of the Tred Avon River in the historic town of Oxford and is a point of interest for locals or tourists on the Eastern Shore. The original house dates back to 1710. The menu is both casual and sophisticated depending on your choice of menu selections. In addition, the restaurant offers cookery demonstrations with Master Chef Mark Salter.

The Tavern offers a [Winter Series of Fireside Music for 2019/2020](#) from October to April on a Friday or Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. Entry is free. Check the website for the featured music and artists. Please feel free to invite your neighbors, especially new SV residents, and offer them the opportunity to enjoy the food and experience the charm and beauty of this historic site. You may find yourself returning on a regular basis to enjoy the ambience of this local interesting and intriguing spot.

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 **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.

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## HAPPY HATS – MAGGIE KOVACK



Happy Hats met on Wednesday, October 9, at 10 a.m. in the Bernstein Room. Everyone is invited to all meetings—no experience necessary. Just bring your imagination. Happy Hats are made and given to children with cancer.

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## PICKLEBALL – GEORGE DRAKE

Several Symphony Village pickleball players entered the first QAC Senior Sports Summit—and came home with medals! Medals were by age group and for overall champions.

Rosemary Rosenberger and Nancy Brandenburger (QAC) won bronze medals in Women's Doubles.

George Drake and April Sharp (QAC) won bronze medals in April's age group.

George and Don Rizzo won gold medals in their age group. Okay, we'll be honest here—there were no other teams in their age group! (Don also won a gold medal in bocce ball.)

Pickleball continues into the fall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. and Wednesday and Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. Check the SV Calendar for any time adjustments that occur due to Daylight Savings Time ending on Sunday, November 3.

If you'd like to try pickleball, join us at one of the times above.



*Rosemary Rosenberger in action*

## SYMPHONY LADIES TRAVEL TO ITALY –

### CAROL DONNELLY

Seven SV ladies enjoyed a wonderful trip from Naples all through southern Italy crossing over to Sicily and then over into Palermo. It was an amazing thirteen-day trip with great neighbors traveling on a Perillo tour.

Our next meeting is November 13 at 10 a.m. to plan our December festivities!

Look for our travel journey on Next Door Echoes soon!



*Pictured: Mary Jo Vallarto, Karen Kram, Linda Schmidt, Anne Sewell, Diana Fausnaugh (Carol's cousin), Carol Donnelly, and Mary Shipley (seated)*

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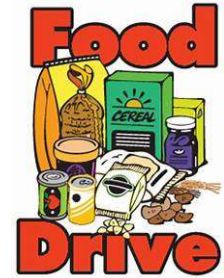
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## 11TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR NOVEMBER

Start watching those grocery sales as Symphony Village Outreach prepares for its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive for QAC Social Services slated for **November 13 – 17**. We hope to beat last year's total of 2,175 items and deliver the goods in time for distribution for Thanksgiving.

We will be looking for boxed goods including cereals, pastas, and grains; canned goods including soups, vegetables, fruits, tuna, meats; and peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, etc. No outdated pantry items, please!



Neighbors who generously offered their time and home as collection sites are:

Sue & Dave Peterson	635 Harmony	Carol & Mel Porosoff	133 Orchestra
Anita Morris	844 Harmony	Kathy & Tom McManus	137 Symphony Way
Carol & Larry Hodges	141 Encore	Carlene & Jim Cooke	225 Opera
Mary & Bob Ciesielski	227 Concerto	Linda & Bob Farrar	118 Sonata
Rosemary & Scott Page	227 Harmony	Candi & Bob Nilsson	414 Harmony
Betty & Lloyd McAtee	321 Overture	Linda Blume	224 Orchestra

### You do not need to live on the street with the house you select!

Anyone purchasing items in advance (catching a great sale!) may store them at Linda Blume's house, 224 Orchestra. Look for more information and reminders in November. Many thanks for supporting this once-a-year event. It means so much to so many in our community! Any questions, please call Loretta Quigley at 410-758-6775 or email her at [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com).

### SAVE THE DATES

Decorating the Clubhouse will take place on **Monday and Tuesday, November 18 and 19**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We need volunteers!

There is a lot to do—from rejuvenating the pine roping and wreathes, to hanging decorations, to decorating two trees. We need bowmakers, table decorators, swag hangers, and much more! There are a few new decorations that need the perfect spot.

Please come and help for a few hours so our Clubhouse looks spectacular! Contact Sue Canfield at [suecanfield20@gmail.com](mailto:suecanfield20@gmail.com) to sign up.

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## POTLUCK SOUP SUPPER AND NIGHT OF LIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

It is once again time for a favorite SV event—the Potluck Soup Supper and Night of Lights. SV has kicked off the Holiday Season with this event for over ten years. For Village newcomers, this is a definite must! It is always a lovely evening, affording us an opportunity to share in goodwill and fellowship with our neighbors. The outside holiday lights will be turned on during the evening. Our resident soup chefs extraordinaire prepare 26 delectable soups for our pleasure. For those who are not soup experts, appetizers, and desserts are also on the menu. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a soup, appetizer, or dessert. Sign up in the separate yellow binder located in the Wall Street Room.



In addition to the dishes mentioned, volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen, set up, monitor the serving tables, clean up, greet our guests, etc. Volunteering is a great way for newcomers to get to know their neighbors.

Potluck Soup Supper and Night of Lights begins at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 3**. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please call Mary Colling-Officer at 410-227-5756 or Jan Withers at 301-802-0106.

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## DAY TRIP – MASSEY AERODROME AND MUSEUM – PAUL KELSCH

The Massey Aerodrome, home to Massey Air Museum is a living airport museum reminiscent of rural airports of a bygone era. The museum is a not-for-profit IRS 501(C3 entity) and admission is free. Visitors will experience the sights and smells of aviation as it was in earlier days. There is a significant collection of vintage aircraft, engines, and artifacts ranging from the Wright Brothers time to the post WWII era. The restoration shop operates daily preparing exhibits, maintaining the many airport pieces of equipment, and servicing aircraft.



Visitors can also climb aboard a 1937 Douglas DC-3 aircraft. The Aerodrome hosts events throughout the year. A Chili Fiesta Fly-in is held in May, an Antique Airplane Fly-in in June, Sailplane Fun Meet in August, a Car Show in November, and an Open Hangar Party & Fly-in in December. These events are open to the public. Check the website: [www.masseyaero.org](http://www.masseyaero.org). The Aerodrome and Museum is located at 33541 Maryland Line Road, Massey, Maryland 21650 (about 30 miles north on Route 301) and is open daily 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Come check it out.

\*Paul Kelsch has volunteered at the Massey Air Museum in Massey, Maryland, for most of the last five years.

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## READING FOR FUN – SEPTEMBER 2019 REVIEW – JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on September 17 to review *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Lidija & Ingo Kampa, Cathy Olson, JoAnn Walker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Bob Nilsson, DeAnn Cheyne, and Susan Goldberg.



Martha “Patsy” Jefferson Randolph was the oldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson and the title character of *America’s First Daughter*. Thomas Jefferson was a prolific letter writer and much of the nation’s early history can be seen through writings of the author of the Declaration of Independence. Patsy Randolph fiercely defended her father’s legacy during his life and afterwards ensured that his surviving letters reflected the iconic hero worshipped by the American public. I was hooked when the story begins when an eight-year-old Patsy goes on the run from the approaching British Redcoats, who have come to Monticello in May 1781 to arrest her father, then Governor of Virginia. The family, along with Jefferson’s personal secretary (William Short), are literally only 30 minutes ahead of the British and escape into the forests of southern Virginia.

The events and people in the book are well researched and corroborated by other historical sources. The history and people of the early American republic are seen through an interesting prism, and the story moves rapidly. However, the center of the story is Patsy Jefferson, so the authors create fictional relationships between the characters (albeit based on reasonable assumptions) to tell a personal story of an amazing American woman. She lost her mother when she was only nine and became her father’s closest confidant as he grieved the loss of his wife. She accompanied him to France and experienced life in the Royal court when just a teenager. She married Thomas Randolph when she returned to America and was eventually the First Lady of Virginia as her mother had been. But her husband was a failure as a planter, and they were forced to live at Monticello with her father. When her father died, she was left to settle his many debts by liquidating their beloved Monticello.



Two of the imagined relationships generated the most discussion amongst the Book Club. The first was a supposed lifelong love affair with William Short that (in the book) starts in Paris while Jefferson was the American minister and Short his secretary. Records show that their paths crossed numerous times during their lives, and the authors paint this as lost love separated by the tides of history. It is a very interesting subplot but not accepted by all club members.

The second intriguing relationship is between Patsy and Sally Hemings who was purportedly her aunt. Sally’s generally accepted relationship with her father makes Sally’s children Patsy’s half-siblings and their resemblance to her father was unmistakable. While no letters exist describing this relationship, the authors postulate, consistent with rumors of the time, that Sally Hemings became Jefferson’s mistress (if you can describe a slave as a mistress) while in France. The presumption is that Patsy learned that fact while in France with her father. So, throughout their many years at Monticello, the authors attempt to describe how Patsy and Sally co-existed while separately supporting Thomas Jefferson.

The Book Club members generally thought highly of the book and enjoyed it. Some appreciated the fictional part of the novel while others were concerned that the line between fiction and history was a little too blurry.

Everything is pretty blurry with my current eyeglass prescription, so I enjoyed the book except when it occasionally turned into a true romance thriller. The Club scored the book as a 7.8 on a 10-point scale.

I keep an updated list of our scores and books in the activity 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:

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| October 15  | <i>Beneath a Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark T. Sullivan |
| November 19 | <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens    |
| December 17 | <i>The Roundhouse</i> by Louise Erdrich          |

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# CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

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## 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 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out. Upcoming dinners:

**Friday, October 18:** One Crab Cake and ½ Pound Shrimp Dinner, \$15

**Friday, October 25:** Fried Oyster Dinner, \$17

**Friday, November 1:** Fried Chicken Dinner, \$13

**Friday, November 8:** To Be Announced

**Friday, November 15:** Spaghetti and Sausage Dinner

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Sunday, October 20,** 1:30 – 3 p.m.: [Lost History: Frederick Douglass in Queen Anne's County](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Saturday, October 26,** 3 – 4 p.m.: [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Sunday, October 27,** 1 – 3 p.m.: [Lost Chester River Steamboats](#) (Preregister on the website)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Several Queen Anne's County government offices and agencies will team with local businesses and service providers to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen Anne's County *Make a Difference Day* on **Saturday, November 2,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Sudlersville Middle School (600 Charles Street). This event gathers together organizations from all over the county who come to one location, providing health screenings, dental care, haircuts, housing services, electric assistance, mental health info, etc. The event is free to residents of QAC who are

homeless or at risk of being homeless.

The *Make a Difference Day* Committee needs **your** help to fill out forms, to walk around with the guests, and in other capacities. Volunteers will be on site 7:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. and will receive training before the event begins. A hot lunch and a T-shirt are provided. This is a great way for you to help those in our county who are struggling against poverty. **PLEASE** – Make a Difference! To volunteer or to get more information, contact Larisa Thomas, Volunteer Chair, *Make a Difference Day* Committee, [larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net](mailto:larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net), 240-994-5042 (cell).

## FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY



Free Community Shredding Day on **Saturday, October 19,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Cvach Financial Services (2623 Centreville Road) in Centreville. Paul Gunther's pit beef, barbecue chicken, pulled pork, and ribs will be on sale for \$9 (includes chips and a soda). There is no fee for the shredding, but donations will be accepted for the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company.

## CONQUEST PRESERVE 5K TRAIL RUN



The Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation hosts the [Conquest Reserve 5K Trail Run](#) on **Saturday, October 19,** 8 – 10:30 a.m. at Conquest Beach and Preserve (1000 Conquest Beach Road) in Centreville. There will be a family-friendly one-mile fun run/walk. There will be food and drink vendors, giveaways, a live DJ, and more. The fee depends on the race selected, age of racer, and advance or day-of registration.

## COFFEEHOUSE 206 CONCERT SERIES – LOVE LETTERS, A PLAY BY A. R. GURNEY



[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) presents A. R. Gurney's *Love Letters* on **Saturday, October 19**, 7 – 9:30 p.m. For centuries, letter writing existed using various materials available as tools to communicate. Today, communication is done mostly by electronic means; and as such, there is less intimacy than a handwritten letter provides. *Love Letters* transcends time and allows the listener the intimacy of a poignant, longing, and loving relationship between two people from childhood to middle age. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling the Center for the Arts at 410-758-2520 or drop by the office.

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Goodwill Fire Company in Centreville hosts an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, October 20**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under.



## HAUNTED TRAP HOUSE



The [Haunted Trap House](#) will be open **October 24 – 26**, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly, at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center (410 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. The Haunted Crack House project is the dramatic representation of what can happen in the life of a substance abuser. With a spooky, haunted house atmosphere as a backdrop, guests at this event are taken through realistic scenes depicting the tragedy of a young teen who becomes entangled in the web of addiction. The executive steering committee changed the name of this particular event to the “Haunted Trap House.” Admission is \$3 per person.

## QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OPEN HOUSE

The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff (505 Railroad Avenue) in Centreville hosts an Open House on **Saturday, October 26**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be a K9 demo, free food, decorate a donut, interactive live demos every hour, music, tours, a SWAT demo, and more.



## 9TH ANNUAL CENTREVILLE DAY



[Centreville Day](#) will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 26**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the Courthouse Green and Lawyers Row in Centreville. There will be an Interactive Kids Zone, moon bounce and slide, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, balloon twister, games and activities, food (\$), the Centreville Idol Contest, baking contests, and more. Admission is free. Rain date is October 27.

## JONATHAN SHAW'S CUBA EXHIBITION AND RECEPTION



[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) opens the Jonathan Shaw Cuba Exhibition with a reception on **Saturday, October 26**, 6 – 9 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to share in a stunningly beautiful portrayal of this fascinating country, its people, wildlife, and architecture.

## SPOOKY HOUSE TOUR



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society hosts a [Spooky House Tour](#) on **Thursday, October 31**, 6 – 9 p.m. at Tucker House (124 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville.

## TRUNK OR TREAT WITH CLASSIC CARS



The Centreville United Methodist Church (698 Church Hill Road) in Centreville hosts Trunk or Treat with Classic Cars on **Thursday, October 31**, 6 – 8 p.m.

## COFFEEHOUSE 206 CONCERT SERIES – DELL FOXX COMPANY

[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) presents the Dell Fox Company on **Saturday, November 2**. Details will be posted on the website when available.



## GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSE



The Goodwill Fire Company (212 Broadway) in Centreville holds an [Open House](#) on **Saturday, November 2**, 1 – 4 p.m. The Open House celebrates the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire company's founding. The public is invited to tour the firehouse and examine the fire equipment and apparatus.

## AN ITALIAN DINNER WITH BAD COMPANY



The Queen Anne's County Mental Health Committee presents [An Italian Dinner with Bad Company](#) on **Saturday, November 2**, 6 – 10 p.m. at Grove Creek Mule Farm (220 Tower Point Road) in Centreville. Chef, sommelier, and guitarist Paul Cullen (former *Bad Company* bassist) prepares a four-course Italian dinner and pairs it with personally selected wines. Following dinner, enjoy an up-close and personal concert of relaxing originals and jazzy takes of *Bad Company* favorite hits! Tickets are \$150 per person. The raffle prize will be a vacation in the Bahamas.

## KENNARD ALUMNI'S 12TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISING GALA



The [Dinner Dance](#) will be held on **Friday, November 8**, at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center (410 Little Kidwell Avenue) in Centreville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and the silent auction. Dinner begins at 8 p.m. and is followed by a short awards program, entertainment, and music. Tickets are \$45 each and all proceeds benefit the programs of the Cultural Heritage Center and Museum.

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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## Word Scramble – Answers:

1. COLUMBUS DAY
2. PUMPKINS
3. GHOSTS AND GOBLINS
4. OYSTER SEASON BEGINS
5. LIBRA and SCORPIO
6. HALLOWEEN
7. SQUIRRELS GATHER ACORNS
8. COLORED LEAVES
9. HUNTER'S MOON
10. TOURMALINE and OPAL

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