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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.



*Wishing all a Very Happy
Thanksgiving!*

SYMPHONY HOA BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ACTION ITEMS – OCTOBER 25, 2019


PAT FOX

- **2020 Proposed Budget:** Unanimous approval that the proposed 2020 budget as prepared by the Budget & Finance Committee, with the help of management and various committee chairs, be sent to all owners for review and that it be placed on the Association [Website](#) immediately. Owners are encouraged to review the budget and provide feedback in writing before the December 4 annual meeting or make comments in person at the annual meeting when the Board will vote.
- **Reserve Study:** Unanimous approval of the 2019 Reserve Study based on the Operations Committee recommendation.
- **ProCom Management Addendum:** Unanimous approval of the addendum to the

management contract that requires a meeting with ProCom and the Board and Budget & Finance Committee at least once a year.

- **Beaver Lodge Removal:** Unanimous approval of \$2,100 for Solitude Lake Management to remove the beaver lodges in Ponds 1 and 2.
- **Front Bed Landscaping Declination (Opt-Out):** Unanimous approval of the Front Bed Landscaping Declination form as presented. Owners will have until January 1 to submit the form at which time it will have been determined by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee what type of mulch will be used next year.
- **Fall Tree Planting:** Unanimous approval of six trees recommended by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee to be planted in common areas by International Landscape Design (ILD) at a cost of \$2,905.
- **Sidewalk Shaving:** Unanimous approval to spend up to \$14,000 for Precision Concrete Cutting to shave down all sidewalks that are raised ½ inch or more based upon the recommendation of the Operations Committee.

HOA Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall
Agenda: [Governance Web Page](#)



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](#) on the left side of the SV Homepage) 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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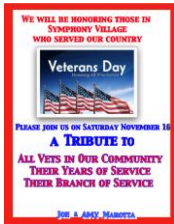
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COMMITTEE REPORTS



**MARY JO VOLPICELLI, CHAIR;
SUSAN RAYNER, COMMUNICATIONS**

The Lifestyle Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. With all of the family and friends' activities this time of year, we will let you know about every Holiday Season Event. Some events scheduled further out may need more information. We will let you know as soon as we know all of the details. For planning purposes, *here we go...*



Join Amy and Joseph Marotta as they Host the Veterans Day Social Hour on **Saturday, November 16**. Make sure you have given them your rank and branch of service prior to the party—they like to thank all of you that have served. We look forward to your great appetizers and desserts. Please remember to help us keep the Clubhouse clean by picking up after yourselves. It's the maid's day off!



Randy Officer has picked another winner for us to enjoy on **Saturday, November 30**, at 7 p.m. *The Upside* is a heart-warming story with laughter and tears. The acting is superb! Lifestyle will put out snacks and candy to enjoy. We've given up on popcorn as it made too much of a mess on the floor and again, it's the maid's day off!

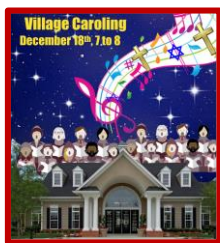


'Tis the Season for the Night of Lights and Soup Supper. Mary Officer and Jan Withers, along with the Lifestyle Committee, are heading up the event this year and will send out all of the particulars regarding signing up. This is a great night to watch Dave Peterson "flip his switch" as our community comes alive with the trees lighting at the entrance. Come to the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, December 3**, at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy.



Our Social Hour on Friday, December 6, at 6 p.m. is in need of a Host. The responsibilities are small but the rewards are huge! You need to put on tablecloths and set out utensils, plates, and napkins. At the end of the evening you put the table goods back in the kitchen and trash the plastic tablecloth. Ask everyone to pick up their dishes or trash them and ask someone to help you pull the trash out of the cans.

That's it. The rewards? You get to meet and greet all of your neighbors and get to know people you have only seen from afar. You also get to eat everyone else's delicious appetizers and desserts without making one yourself!



Singalong—If anyone would like to sing Holiday Songs on **Wednesday, December 18**, between 7 and 8 p.m., please meet at the Clubhouse. The Lifestyle Committee will put out homemade holiday

cookies, coffee drinks, and the bar is always open. We hope some of our Chorale Songbirds will lead us in song, both Christian and Jewish. We'll have song sheets on hand to refresh our memory and learn some new ones. An online sign-up will be available.



Birthday Bash—Zina Lichaa and the Lifestyle Committee will be celebrating everyone born in October, November, and December, on **Saturday, December 21**, at 6 p.m. More details to follow.



Movie Night, Saturday, December 28, at 7 p.m. More details to follow.



Happy New Year! Ring in the New Year with your neighbors and friends. **Tuesday, December 31**, at 9 p.m. More details to follow.

COVENANTS UPDATE

DEBI WELLS, COVENANTS CHAIR

It's not easy to create a culture of good, effective communication, be open to learning, be flexible, and (most importantly) make yourself available to help residents every week. However, the Covenants Committee is working very hard to do that!

There were 76 exterior modifications submitted for review this year; it is apparent the community wants to improve their properties and is seeking small changes to stay competitive with neighboring communities. These changes have encouraged Covenants members to learn in order to vet projects thoroughly. We have become aware of the difference between a sliding and double-hung window, now know what a knee wall is, what constitutes a structure, what a building restriction line (BRL) is, and much, much more. All of this helps us understand the needs and desires of the community. A Covenants Committee's ability to help its HOA adapt to change is essential for long-term success of the community (think property values)!

A **BIG** change for the Covenants Committee and the Community: On the advice of the community lawyer, the Covenants Committee is being required to emulate the Board on voting by email. That is, the Committee's email vote must be unanimous for any decision. Since the inception of the community, a majority vote by the Covenants Committee via email was sufficient to make a decision on an exterior project. However, starting November 1, 2019, any resident requesting an email vote (to expedite their project for any reason) must obtain all Covenants Committee members' approval via email, and that may be a challenge.

Want to ensure your exterior modification project receives a decision the first time presented? Here's how: please submit your Exterior Modification Form (EMF) **AT LEAST** one week prior to the Covenants Committee's monthly meeting. The earlier you submit the EMF the better! This allows Covenants members to thoroughly evaluate proposed projects, ask important questions of the homeowner, and acquire any missing information before the project is presented and voted upon. Tabling an EMF at a meeting, due to lack of information, can result in a lengthy wait by the homeowner to initiate their project. As all in Symphony Village know, no exterior project (as outlined in the HOA covenants document, called the

Architectural Requirements) may be initiated without review and receipt of an HOA Management approval letter, after review by the Covenants Committee.

The better the communication, the better the relationship. It's all about building a real sense of community. That's the reason input from residents is always welcomed, as is your attendance at monthly meetings. The Covenants Committee meets the first Tuesday monthly at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall. Please join us for part of a meeting, an entire meeting, or join as a member! We could use your help!

 PLEASE NOTE:	Next Covenants Committee Meeting Date & Time Tuesday, December 3- 10 a.m.	Exterior Modification Form Due Date to HOA Management Office Tuesday, November 26
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LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

BY **BILL WELLS** ON BEHALF OF THE LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Is This Something New for Your Salad?

Not really! But, if you've seen this in your yard, either on a plant, rocks, garden hook, or tree trunk ... you're pretty lucky! Don't disturb or remove it! It's a praying mantis egg case, otherwise known as an "ootheca." The egg cases look like frothy, liquid-like structures, but it's hard and papery. They have a compartment-like special formation for each single egg. These compartments have a tiny one-way, valve-like structure that helps the insects hatch with minimum efforts. These "oothecas" are meant to protect the 100 to 200 baby mantises during the cold weather. When they hatch, they look exactly like adult praying mantises, except they are very tiny.



The reason you are lucky? Praying mantises are exactly what we need to naturally control many of our garden and crop pests. Their speed and stealth make them excellent hunters. They literally eat anything they can catch—from small aphids and spider mites to Japanese beetles and more. If you see them in your garden, rest assured they, like many other beneficial insects, are helping to reduce the insects that are attacking your flowers and ornamentals.

Here are some interesting praying mantis facts you may not know:

- A praying mantis has only one ear, which is at the same ultrasonic frequency bats use.
- In Maryland, the entire adult population die when cold weather sets in. But, their eggs make it through to spring!
- Praying mantises are diurnal insects, which means they are active and hunt only during the daytime.

- They shed their exoskeleton (outer skin layer) for a record 12 times, before growing into a complete adult. Can you imagine if they were crabs? You would have 12 opportunities to have soft crab sandwiches!
- They can turn their head 300 degrees enabling them to see almost the entire area around them without moving the rest of their body.

So, if you see these nests around your yard, don't remove them—delay using insecticides next spring and summer. Let nature help your gardens achieve their full potential!

OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, OUTREACH PRESIDENT



Save the Date: January 16, 2020—Outreach Annual Card and Game Party!

Symphony Village Outreach will be hosting its Annual Card and Game Party on **Thursday, January 16**, in the Clubhouse. Signup for tables will be available in the Wall Street Room in December. Pick your table and your game! Some groups need players to join them. It is a great way to spend a winter day!

SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

SNEAKERS SILENT AUCTION

Sneakers wants to thank all the people who made our Silent Auction and HOA raffle a fabulous success. Terri O'Connell, Amy Marotta, Helena Joy, and Janet O'Connor outdid themselves this year as chairpersons, as did the rest of our tireless workers. The evening was both fun and profitable. But the biggest thank you has to go to the Symphony Village residents who supported us in many ways.

During the year, please support our sponsors: Queenstown Bank, Draper Brothers Liquors, Mary Ciesielski of Long and Foster Realty, and Kent Island Jewelry. They, along with the many residents and local merchants that contributed items, are making it possible for Sneakers to continue our book giveaways, to make sure that all sixth graders are able to attend their outdoor educational experience, as well as responding to other emergency needs for the schools.

SANTA TREE

Our Santa Tree is up and ready for residents to adopt a tag and purchase a gift for a needy child in the area. Each of these families has been chosen by the counselors in the local schools as being particularly deserving. There are still some tags on the tree to be taken. Also, please take a guidelines paper to advise you when the presents are due back in the Clubhouse as well as how to wrap and tag your gifts. If you would like to contribute but do not like to shop, you may drop off a check, made out to Symphony Sneakers, at the Farrar house (118 Sonata Way) and Sneakers will purchase the gift for you. These gifts, along with food baskets, will be delivered to the schools close to the Holiday Break.

Last year we were told that one grandmother, who is raising two grandchildren, broke down and cried when she saw the gifts saying that, otherwise, there would have been no presents that year.

great turnout to support the children and their music teacher, **Heather Efland—Queen Anne’s County Teacher of the Year.**

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR
LINDA BLUME, VICE CHAIR

LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

If you volunteer for a local non-profit organization and would like to publicize the work you do to recruit new volunteers, please send us your article. This month we feature the QAC Library's Storytime on Wheels (see page 16).

UPDATE PICTURE DIRECTORY

Some of the photos in the Picture Directory are dated. We would encourage you to send in a more up-to-date photo. For example, I updated mine to show a white-haired woman instead of a blond. You can send in a photo of your own to George Drake, GeorgeRDrake@yahoo.com, or watch for an event at the Clubhouse where photos are being taken for the Picture Directory.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

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

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ARTISANS GUILD

The Artisans Guild sponsored an Opening Day Reception for the latest Show, *Winter*, on Sunday, October 27. Many residents attended the reception to view all the latest *Winter* entries. There are many paintings, photographs, and quilts. It’s always nice to have so many residents submit their beautiful artwork. We were happy to receive so many new pieces of artwork submitted by residents who had not done so before. Many pieces are for sale. If the label includes the letters NFS on the bottom, it is Not For Sale. If the letters NFS do not appear, the artwork is for sale. Go to the catalog on the stand and check out the price if you are interested in making a purchase.

We had three Featured Artists in October. Mary Colling-Officer displayed her beautiful wool blanket. She did it all! She spun the wool, dyed the wool, and knitted the blanket! Courtney Pilgrim displayed her lovely Santa Quilt, and Janet O’Connor displayed her amazing fine-art needlepoint that looked like a painting.

SUE CANFIELD



Bill Rowley

Our next show will be at the end of January. The theme will be **The Artist's Choice**. You can submit your favorite pieces for display. We hope to see more and more residents submitting artwork for display in our Clubhouse.



Debi Wells & Courtney Pilgrim

BOCCE BANTER—LABOR DAY BOCCE TOURNAMENT

PATRICIA CIPRIANO

Bocce does not stop when the temperatures turn downward! In fact, the crisp air and warm sun are the perfect combination for keeping the bocce athlete's form perfect! Once daylight savings time fell upon us in November, SV bocce players began to meet for pick-up bocce at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays. The turnout has been great with an average of six players playing a couple of friendly games of bocce. If the sun is shining and the air temperatures are above 40 degrees with no wind chill, you will find us at the bocce court. Let the good times roll!

BIRD CLUB

LINDA BLUME



The wild turkey is native to Maryland, and I've seen them in and around Symphony Village. Wild turkeys have adapted to living on the edges of suburban habitat, rebounding in the wild after having been seriously depleted by the beginning of the 20th century. Benjamin Franklin would have preferred the wild turkey, rather than the bald eagle, be chosen as the national symbol of the United States.

Wild turkeys generally get around by walking or running, but they can fly strongly and typically roost overnight in trees.

Wild turkeys are omnivores and forage mostly by walking on the ground, scratching in leaf litter to expose food items. Their diet varies by season, but it is mostly plant material including acorns, leaves, seeds, grains, berries, buds, grass blades, roots, and bulbs. They also will eat insects, spiders, snails, and sometimes frogs, lizards, snakes, salamanders, and crabs. Sometimes they climb in shrubs or trees to eat berries.

Turkeys segregate into flocks based on sex and age.

In summer, fall, and winter, the basic unit is the family flock consisting of the hen and this year's brood; one or more successful broods may combine into larger flocks in late summer and fall. Adult males form flocks



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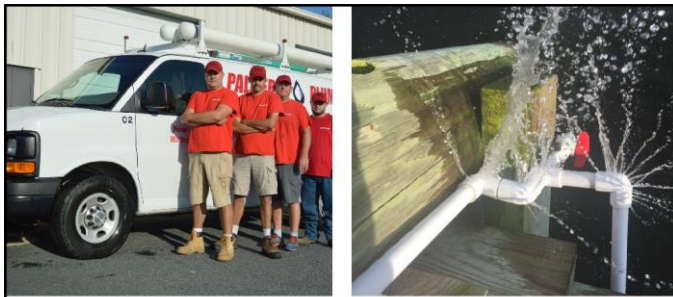
that rarely associate with hens outside the breeding period. In spring, large flocks will form as gobblers join flocks of hens in large groups; mating flocks break off and consist of two to three adult gobblers and five to fifteen hens.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, December 5, at 12:30 p.m. at Hunter's Tavern located at 101 East Dover Street, Easton. Hunter's Tavern is situated in the historic Tidewater Inn and is well known for its delicious American cuisine and its beautiful holiday decor. The December Lunch Bunch is the last event of the year for our group. We look forward to the coming year for new places to lunch. The sign-up sheet is in the Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Hope to see you at this year-end special luncheon at Hunter's Tavern on a bright and crisp early winter day.

Sign up online by using the Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link. You can also go to the Symphony Village Website and click on Dashboard. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch icon near the bottom of the page. If you sign up online, there is no need to sign up in the Club Activities Book. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (mobile 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (mobile 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride. If you sign up a day or two before the event, please call one of us so that we can update the reservation number with the restaurant.

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READING FOR FUN

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on October 15 to review *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan. Attendees were Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn and Jim Buckheit, Peggy Decker, Lidija Kampa, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Bob Nilsson, DeAnn Cheyne, Sue Canfield, Lee Ettman, and Susan Goldberg.

Beneath a Scarlet Sky tells the amazing story of a young teenager, Pino Lella, during the last two years of World War II in Northern Italy. The Nazi occupation of Italy and the Catholic underground railroad (formed to save Italian Jews) has received scant attention compared to Allied efforts in Western Europe. During my military career, I studied at various War Colleges, rarely touching on this theater of World War II. My Catholic education mostly avoided discussion of the uninspiring role of the Catholic Church during the Holocaust. But the Catholic Church in Northern Italy was nothing less than heroic and the story of the 17-year-old Pino Lella highlights this heroism.

Pino was sent from Milan to the Swiss Alps by his parents to be safe from the allied bombing of his city and was enlisted by a Catholic priest to guide Jews over the mountains into Switzerland. An expert climber and skier, Pino quickly became adept at avoiding Nazi patrols and leading groups of Jews to safety through steep mountain passes, including surviving an avalanche. This mountain phase of the book would be a thrilling story on its own, but it is just the beginning.



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When Pino turned 18, he became eligible to be drafted by the Nazis and most Italian boys were immediately sent to the Russian front where survival rates were very low. His father convinced him to join the German army that kept him in Italy but made him scorned by the Italian populace. By fate, he becomes the driver for the second highest ranking German general in Italy and becomes a spy for the Italian resistance. This part of the story is equally harrowing and when the Germans are eventually defeated, Pino's position is precarious. Few Italians knew that he was working as a spy and collaborators were despised and often killed.

The author stumbled onto Pino's story in 2004 during a visit to Montana and was amazed that the story had not been publicized after the war. But he discovered that the teenager at the heart of the story was then living back in Italy after a life as an international jetsetter. After the war, he emigrated to the United States and met Gary Cooper and Ernest Hemingway, but had never shared his story. The author constructs the book from the 60-year-old recollections of Pino, extensive research of Allied and Holocaust records, and visits to the locations in the story. Because the Nazis engaged in the comprehensive destruction of records in Northern Italy, there was a dearth of German war records. But the author fills in the personal interactions based on the best evidence he found. This is particularly true of a love story between Pino and his soulmate, Anna, that is interwoven throughout all the adventure. (So, it is not just a war story!)

The Book Club members unanimously loved the wartime adventure story and especially the first-hand account from Pino Lella. Much like our reaction to *America's First Daughter* last month, we had a good discussion about how the author combined history and fiction to tell a compelling story. Some members enjoyed the wide variety of characters but recognized that they were described through the biased perceptions of Pino himself. At least one member was concerned that this heroic teenager was really a classic machismo Italian male as his later jetsetter lifestyle seemed to indicate. This generated an interesting discussion about military war heroes. Often those who emerge as admired leaders in war are often less admirable during peacetime.

The Book Club scored the book as 7.98 on a 10-point scale. Bob Nilsson graded the book as 7.95 and quickly pointed out that, being so close to the average, he had his finger on the pulse of the Book Club. The Club was dubious about his claim, but agreed that there is nothing average about Bob!

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

November 19 -- *Where the Crawdad's Sing* by Delia Owens

December 17 -- *The Roundhouse* by Louise Erdrich

January 21 -- *Drop City* by T.C. Boyle

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CERT NEWS—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR

Centreville was recently on high alert for a possible tornado. Were you prepared? If you are under a tornado warning, find a safe room to shelter in place right away. Go to a basement if you have one. If you are willing to share it in an emergency, let your neighbors know.



- If one of your neighbors has a basement, agree ahead of time if you can share it in an emergency.
- If your home has no basement, then get to a small interior room on the lowest level.
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.

Experts say everyone should have a *go-bag* in case they have to shelter in place or leave home in a hurry. The classic *grab-and-go bag* should have essential items for up to three days in case you have to evacuate or shelter in place. Go to www.Ready.gov for information on planning for emergencies and what to include in your *grab-and-go bag*.

For a short-term shelter in place event, such as a tornado, you might consider preparing a *mini go-bag* for your designated safe room. This could include a battery or hand crank radio, battery backup cell phone charger, LED lantern or flashlight, bottled water, non-perishable snacks, medications, blanket(s), and anything else you might need.

In order to have as much warning as possible in an emergency, don't forget to sign up for Queen Anne's County alerts on the web. Go to www.qac.org and under the *How Do I...* tab at the top of the page, click on *Sign Up* for Emergency Notifications.

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR LOOKING FOR STREET CAPTAINS

Marge Strano

We are very fortunate to have many caring residents volunteer their time and talents for the benefit of all. Our service to our community is designed to simply lend a hand to our neighbors when needed, send a thoughtful card, or provide some comforting words. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor program is sponsored by the Symphony Village Outreach Program.

Many of our members have been serving the SV neighborhood for more than ten years. Although we welcome all residents, we are looking to some of our new neighbors who moved in more recently. We currently need new Street Captains for the 800 Block of Harmony Way, the 700 Block of Harmony Way, and the 200 Block of Concerto. If you would like to volunteer for Neighbor-to-Neighbor, please call Marge Strano at 410-759-2511 or send an email to mbestrano@gmail.com. If you are unsure about the program and would like to know more, please join us at our next meeting in the Bernstein Room at the Clubhouse on **Wednesday, November 20**, at 7:15 p.m.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NIGHT OF LIGHTS AND SOUP SUPPER

SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

It is once again time for a favorite SV event—the *Night of Lights and Soup Supper*. 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.

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



MUSIC FOR NIGHT OF LIGHTS AND SOUP SUPPER, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

JAN WITHERS

CATHY TONEY AND NANCY COOK TO PERFORM AT THE NIGHT OF LIGHTS AND SOUP SUPPER

We are very pleased to share with you a lovely addition to our *Night of Lights and Soup Supper*. To start our evening off, Cathy Toney and Nancy Cook will be enriching our evening by providing a musical interlude of flute and piano duo.

Cathy Toney and her husband, Byron, moved to Symphony Village in May 2018. Prior to moving here, she taught music at the Naval Academy Primary School for 30 years, director of music in two Anne Arundel County Catholic Churches for 40 years, directed the Queen Anne's Chorale Youth Chorus for five years, sang with the New Renaissance Voices for 25 years, and played flute in the Annapolis Symphony for two years. Cathy and Nancy's friendship dates back 40 years when they met through choral music with the Annapolis Guild of Organists.

Nancy Cook has been a resident of Queen Anne's County for 60 years. During this time she has been actively involved in music as a teacher in Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's County for 32 years, served as mentor to teachers in the county school system, Music Minister in Kent Island Methodist and Centreville United Methodist Churches for 20 years, and has been instrumental in preserving the history and heritage of Kent Island and Stevensville.

Cathy says they are excited about getting the chance to play together and be part of the festivities in SV.

BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

Every year, on the **third Thursday of November**, the region of Beaujolais (just below Burgundy and above Rhone) comes alive with its Nouveau wine, as they race toward Paris. In the past, the old houses would race to Paris to see who gets there first with the year's vintage. All of the cafés would be filled with revelers trying the wines to determine, *who made the best Nouveau*, and what the vintage of Burgundy would be like—Good? Bad? Headed for Greatness?



The wine is made from the Gamay grape and, unlike other red wines, it is only fermented for a few weeks, making this a very young wine ready to drink; but don't lay it down. This wine is meant to be consumed by New Year's Day. The French have very strict laws surrounding its wine and the production of wine. The Gamay grapes must be hand-picked, and fermented as a whole-cluster press (carbonic maceration) with the clusters being placed in a large vat, allowing the weight of the grapes to crush themselves. This produces a fresh and fruity wine without the strong tannins from the grape skins. It is easy to drink and young.

"*Le Beaujolais nouveau est arrivé!*" is the traditional expression used on this celebratory day, but in 2005 it was changed to *It's Beaujolais Nouveau Time!* It is the wine of Thanksgiving in that its fruity character and low tannins make it perfect for the Thanksgiving menu. Georges Dubouef, along with other producers, create a special label, posters, and even neckties each year to show off the artwork.

This fun wine makes for a great party, with a little pâté, a wheel of brie, crusty French Bread, and a full glass of Nouveau. Bon Appetite!



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CHAIN GANG—11 YEARS OF SERVICE

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The QACHS Chain Gang has been working the sidelines at QACHS football games for 11 years. There were 11 members in the Chain Gang in the 2009 opening season. Eight of the current members were part of the original 2009 season.



Front Row: Ira Ehrenfeld, Anthony Rosenberger, Mike King, Betty Lee (QAHS Athletic Dept), Tom Meringolo, Skip Kommeyer
Standing: Jim Halinka, Jim O'Connell, Rich Ryan, Dennis Marchi, Ron Dillon, Dan Battista, Dominic Mancinelli, Bob Farrar, Dave Peterson
Missing: Diane Briggs, Bill Leavy, Bill Paschak, & Tom Scull

STORYTIME ON WHEELS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS –

LINDA BLUME

Storytime on Wheels is a program run by the Queen Anne's County Library. I have been a volunteer with the program for seven years. The library is currently recruiting additional volunteers.

Due to the distance and the logistics of traveling with many young children, most home day-care providers cannot bring their charges to the library for traditional storytime. *Storytime on Wheels* was developed to bring storytime to children in licensed day care homes in QAC.

Trained volunteers make monthly visits to a site to share books, poems, finger plays, and other reading readiness activities with the children. The goal of *Storytime on Wheels* is to help day care providers assist busy parents develop the love of books and reading to young children.



The library has 37 kits that consist of up to 24 books and many hands-on activities to choose from. Each kit has a theme such as Bears, Weather, Zoo, Farms, and Insects—a wide variety of subjects. I choose which books and which activities I'll take and present during my visit to a day care home each month. I spend 30-35 minutes presenting what I've brought. The children I interact with every month really look forward to my visit and to what I bring to read and to do. Each child gets a Storytime Times activities sheet to take home with them for their parents (with additional ideas for books and activities) and a "take-home" to remind them of the theme of the particular kit.

If you would like more information, please give me a call (410-758-3194). The library is forming a training session some time in the next few months. If you are interested, let me know and I'll let the library POC know.

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Charity Golf Tournament in Memory of our son, Lt. Col. Eric "Doc" Schultz, USAF

LINDA & LARRY SCHULTZ



The tournament held on Thursday, October 3 2019, at Queenstown Harbor River and Lakes Courses was a huge success. Golfers numbering 221 and 50 guests from Maryland and around the country gathered to raise their cups or cans in a toast and play golf to honor *a hero gone too soon*.

Through the unselfish support of our 31 sponsors, 70 supporters, our golfers, non-golfer guests, and our 19 volunteers, we were able to raise \$55,000—an amazing accomplishment! All funds have been directed to the Scholarship Fund of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association for scholarships for children of deceased aviators from all branches of service. The Pilots Association has established a permanent Scholarship in our son's name to be awarded each year—an honor for our family and Eric in whose life education was so important.

Next year, we will again gather at Queenstown Harbor on **Saturday, October 3, 2020**, as we continue to raise funds for a worthy cause in Eric's memory.

Details of the event will be provided in the Spring on our website, www.birdeasepro.com/Schultz.

We thank our Symphony Village tournament volunteers, Cathy and Mike Norris. Peggy and Tom Andrews, Sue Canfield, Sue Peterson, Cathy and Byron Toney, and Pat Fox for their dedication and hard work, making the registration and *Silent Auction* process a smooth and important part of our event. We also thank our Village golfer participants, guests, and donors. Success of this magnitude would not have been possible without the unselfish support of people like you. Thank you for your friendship and your continued support of our men and women in uniform and their families.



First Place Three-man Team Jack Cohen, Alan Ettman, Joe Sikes

Eleventh Annual SV Golf Tournament

On October 15, 39 golfers from Symphony Village participated in the Eleventh Annual SV Golf Tournament at Blue Heron. The prize for closest to the pin went to Ira Ehrenfeld and longest putt to Tom McManus. The first-place team was Joe Sikes, Alan Ettman, and Jack Cohen with second place to Betty and Craig Lord and Joe and Pat Sharpe. Everyone, including spouses, enjoyed lunch at the Kentmorr Inn.

FRIENDS OF QAC LIBRARY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



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USED BOOK NOOK



The Queen Anne's County Library reminds library patrons there is a Used Book Nook at both library branches that contains high-quality used books, DVDs, and CDs. Inventory is updated weekly. All books are \$1 or less! What a deal!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Saturday, December 7**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Make and Take: Luminaries (All ages; drop by the Children's Room)
- **Saturday, December 13**, 2 – 4 p.m.: Friday Movie: The Art of Racing in the Rain (Preregister on the website)

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these words that relate to September:

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| 1. ATESNER RNDSADTA ETMI | 6. IIRCETN and OPTZA |
| 2. SHHMTYUCNERAMS | 7. TESVAERN DYA |
| 3. NNHIKTVSAIGG | 8. AACAND EEGSE |
| 4. IALFGLN SEALVE | 9. EVEBAR OOMN |
| 5. RPCSIOO and GAISSTRATU | 10. RTFSO |

Look for answers on Page 20.

AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

The public is always welcome to attend Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out. Upcoming dinners:

Friday, November 15: Spaghetti and Sausage Dinner

Friday, November 22: Hot Roast Beef with Gravy and Mashed Potatoes, \$13

Friday, November 29: Fried Oyster Dinner, \$17

Friday, December 6: No Dinner (Centreville parade)

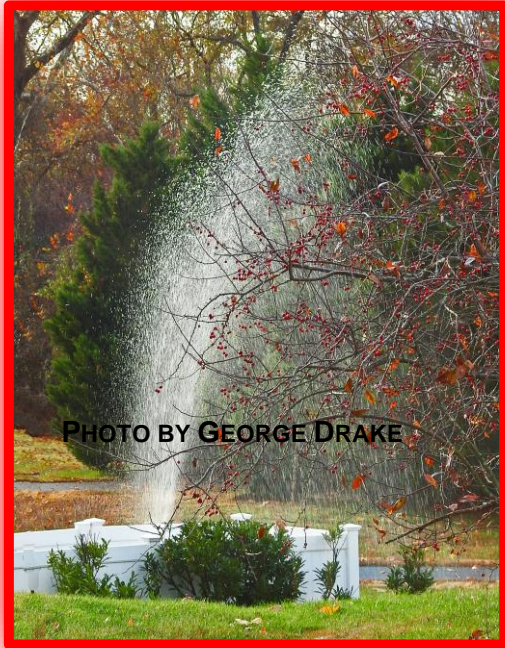
Friday, December 13: Annual Deer Feast

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

SV News Flash—

November 12, 2019

OLD FAITHFUL BLEW TODAY! IT'S REALLY AN IRRIGATION PUMP 2 BLOWOUT.



This interesting photo was taken on November 12 by George Drake just as Irrigation Pump Two had a blowout with water rising high and upwards toward the sky! Thanks George, for providing this *SV Moment in Time*.

Word Scramble Answers:

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| 1. EASTERN STANDARD TIME | 6. CITRINE and TOPAZ |
| 2. CHRYSANTHEMUMS | 7. VETERANS DAY |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 8. CANADA GEESE |
| 4. FALLING LEAVES | 9. BEAVER MOON |
| 5. SCORPIO and SAGITTARIUS | 10. FROST |

QAC Candlelight Tour of Historic Homes and Caroling Festival

The Queen Anne's County Legacy Foundation (QACLF) will host the Holiday Candlelight Tour of Historic Homes and Caroling Festival on **Saturday, December 7**, noon – 5 p.m., beginning on the Courthouse Square in Centreville. *A Rich Life on the River* tour takes us to the historic Wharf House and river homes plus many more with a history dating back to the 1700s when the Corsica River was once a bustling hub of maritime commerce. Period dressed docents will be prepared to share the unique story of each home. 2019 Holiday Candlelight Tour will also feature professional caroling with Harmony on the Bay, special exhibitions of *Whimsical Spirit*, historic ornaments, a new downtown shop—*Earle's*

Cove Trading Company—fine art galleries, and an *International Holidays* exhibition with the QAC Historical Society. Join QACLF in historic Centreville for hot cider, caroling, period dressed docents, and a day from holidays past. Tickets are \$34 in advance, \$30 for seniors, and \$44 on December 7. Purchase tickets early! Tour is limited to 300 visitors—last year's tour sold out by mid-November. Tickets at www.QACLF.org. Colonial and Victorian clothing welcome!





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UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

A Hawk's Tale: Falcon Demonstration



The QAC Department of Parks and Recreation will host [A Hawk's Tale](#) on **Saturday, November 16**, 10 a.m. – noon, at Conquest Beach (1000 Conquest Beach Road) in Centreville. Spectators will have the chance to learn all about the raptors' role in the environment, interact with a bird of prey, and watch it fly while the falconer answers questions. The event is for ages 6 and up. The fee is \$15, and preregistration is required (go to the website). This is program #190021. (NOTE: As the *Libretto* goes to print, the date for this program is subject to change. Please check on the website.)

Arts and Crafts Fair



There will be an [Arts and Crafts Fair](#) on **Sunday, November 16**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at VFW Post #7464 (203 VFW Avenue) in Grasonville.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



The Goodwill Fire Company in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, November 17**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under.

Coffeehouse 206 Concert Series – Open Mic with Ric



**OPEN
MIC
NIGHT**

[Queen Anne’s County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) presents Open Mic with Rick Strittmater on **Tuesday, November 19**, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Acoustic musicians, writers, and poets are welcome to share their original work on stage. Admission is free.

Candlelight Remembrance Service



Compass Regional Hospice will host a [Candlelight Remembrance Service](#) on **Sunday, November 24**, 4 – 5:30 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville. The service will honor loved ones who have passed away. For more information, contact Rhonda Knotts, rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org, 443-262-4109.

Small Business Saturday



[Small Business Saturday](#) will be held on **Saturday, November 30**, in Queen Anne’s County. Residents are encouraged to Shop Local!

[Barksgiving](#) will take place on Small Business Saturday in downtown Centreville, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Shop Small with a tailwaggin’ twist. Navigate sales using a special punch card to enter a free raffle. Plus enjoy dog demonstrations, a photo booth, and the Animal Welfare League of QAC’s ugly sweater contest for both the dog and his/her owner.

8th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



The [Tree Lighting Ceremony](#) will take place on **Wednesday, December 4**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Commerce Street and Courthouse Square in Centreville. Children can bring ornaments (handmade are favorites) to decorate the tree. Visit with Santa! Cookies, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider will be available.

Christmas Parade



The Centreville [Christmas Parade](#) will be on **Friday, December 6**, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The theme is *Christmas From Around the World*. The rain date is December 13.

Heck with the Malls



[Heck with the Malls](#) will be held on **Saturday, December 7**, 10 a. m. – 3 p.m., at Queen Anne’s County Centre of the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) and other locations in downtown Centreville.

Christmas Bazaar



Our Mother of Sorrows will host a Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, December 7,** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Corbaley Hall in Centreville.

Hope and Healing Holiday Workshop



Compass Regional Hospice will host a [Hope and Healing Holiday Workshop](#) on **Saturday, December 7,** 10 a.m. – noon in the Hope and Healing Center (255 Comet Drive) in Centreville. Enjoy conversation and creative activities designed to help heal from the loss of a loved one. Open to anyone ages 18 and older. The fee of \$10 includes a light breakfast. RSVP to Rhonda Knotts, rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org, 443-262-4109, or Ann O’Connor, aconnor@compassregioinalhospice.org, 443-262-4124.

Cookies with Claus



The QAC Department of Parks and Recreation will host [Cookies with Claus](#) on **Sunday, December 8,** 1 – 4 p.m., at the Matapeake Clubhouse (2010 Sonny Schultz Boulevard) in Stevensville. Take a break from the holiday hustle to enjoy cookies, cocoa, and other holiday fun and games. Take your turn sitting on Santa’s lap to tell him your holiday wants and wishes (Santa will be on hand 2 – 3:15 p.m.). The cost is \$10, and pre-registration is required as space is limited (pre-register on the website). This is program #190022-01, and is for all ages.

Coffeehouse 206 Concert Series – Stef Scaggiari



[Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts](#) (206 S. Commerce Street) presents Stef Scaggiari on **Saturday, December 14,** 7 – 9 p.m. This concert will celebrate the joy and magic of the holiday season. Tickets are \$20 and include music, wine, and light hors d’oeuvres. Call 410-758-2520 to purchase tickets.

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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