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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!



Don and Sally Cronkrite
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Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah



Happy New Year 2020

2019–2020 HOA BOD

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ACTIONS ITEMS – DECEMBER 4

REGULAR MEETING — ANNUAL MEETING

REGULAR BOARD MEETING VOTES:

- **2020 Proposed Budget:** Unanimous approval of the 2020 Budget, (\$1,144,435), and retention of the \$230 monthly HOA dues.
- **Tax Filing Policy** – Unanimous approval of the Deferred Assessment Policy suggested by SV Auditors, Goldklang Group, that allows the Association to apply all or part of the excess assessment income accrued in prior calendar years to supplement the Association’s funding requirements in following years.
- **Excess 2019 Fund Transfer** – Unanimous approval of applying \$75,000 of excess 2019 funding toward the loan secured to build the Concert Hall and Storage Wing expansion.
- **Certificate of Deposit Purchase** – Unanimous approval to purchase a new 12-month CD worth \$125,000 with TAB Bank at 2.25%.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- **Election of Directors:**
 - Patricia Fox – Three-year term (2020–2022)
 - Skip Kornmeyer – Three-year term (2020–2022)

OFFICERS:

President	Bob Nilsson
Vice President	Pat Fox
Treasurer	Arlyn Marshall
Secretary	Joe Brown
Member at Large	Skip Kornmeyer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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. 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.

ARTISANS GUILD NEWS – SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

Several members of the Artisans Guild took a field trip to McFadden Art Glass in Baltimore to experiment with glass! We had the best time. The artist instructors were amazing. They guided us to swirl and blow our pieces. We all recommend this for families or groups.

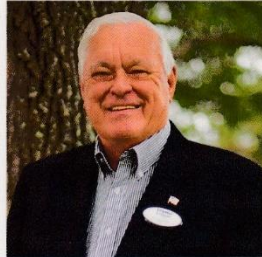


In photo from left to right: Sue Canfield, Susan Peterson, Dave Peterson, Peggy Decker, Mary Drake, Kathy McManus, Pat Fox, and George Drake. (missing: Patty Smith)

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

We hope everyone enjoyed the Night of Lights and Soup Supper. We wish to thank Dave Peterson for “flipping the switch” and for all the effort to get the lights up and shining. Mary Colling-Officer and Jan Withers did a superb job planning and executing the Soup Supper. Thank you to all who contributed to the fabulous Buffet with soups, salads, appetizers, and desserts. We have wonderful cooks in the Village!



Some of the delicious offerings at the Night of Lights and the Soup Supper

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COMING SOON TO THE VILLAGE

December 18, 7 – 8 p.m. Please *Come A-Caroling*. We'll meet in the Clubhouse foyer and sing out loud and clear. We're looking for someone who can peck out a few carols on the ivories. In case of no piano player, we have a sing-along CD. We would love to have some Hanukkah songs, as well. If you have a CD or can lead a song without music, here's your chance. We are hoping some of our Villagers, who sing with the QA Chorale, will come to drown out those of us who can't carry a tune. Since we are staying indoors this year, the weather is no excuse. Come one, come all! We'll have hot coffee drinks and cookies.



It's Birthday Party time again: let's celebrate those born in October, November, and December. I know Zina's cake will be delish! If you haven't let her know you are coming, please do so. Sign up in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room. The Birthday Social Hour is **Saturday, December 21, at 6 p.m.**



Our last Movie Night of the year will be **Saturday, December 28, at 7 p.m.** Join Randy Officer as he shows *Judy*, starring Renée Zellweger. Enjoy snacks as you relax in our Concert Hall with its new acoustics that are GREAT.



Celebrate the end of 2019! Ring in the New Year! Dance your feet off to our new DJ, drink a toast to 2020 at midnight, and watch the ball drop in Times Square. All this is in the comfort of your own Village. Don't forget to sign up in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room, and drop your check (\$8 pp, made out to SV HOA, with NYE in the memo line) in the black box.

Our first Social Hour of 2020 will be **Friday, January 3, at 6 p.m.** It will be our already famous Re-gifting Social Hour. You know you are going to get a gift this year that just isn't you, but maybe it's me, or him, or her? Who can tell? So, bring your very "interesting" rewrapped gift to the Clubhouse and put it under the Christmas tree. You'll get a number when you arrive with a gift. Once we all are around the Christmas tree, we'll pick new gifts in numerical order. No stealing at this Re-gifting party, but you can barter. We had lots of fun last year. Hope to see you there.



**The Lifestyle Committee wishes everyone a wonderful Holiday Season
and a very Happy New Year's Eve.**

OPERATIONS – CHARLES LEVAY, CHAIRMAN; MIKE NORRIS, VICE CHAIRMAN;

ROBERT NILSSON, BOARD LIAISON

The Operations Committee is made up of 14 volunteers who meet the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Concert Hall. The Operations Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of HOA assets including the Clubhouse (minus landscaping and irrigation). Our Committee aids community homeowners, the 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.

The Operations Committee did not meet in November and December. We start off the new year on Thursday, January 16, at 9:30 a.m. Hopefully all current team members will serve again on the committee and new members will join the volunteers who serve on the Operations Committee. Some subjects we will work on are:

- Interior Inspection of the Clubhouse
- Exterior Inspection of the Clubhouse and other assets
- Parking Lots – getting estimates on sealing or resurfacing
- Parking Lots – repairing or replacing the concrete curbing
- Gym equipment – lease or buy
- New gym mats

If you think there are tasks the Operations Committee should address, please email me at levaycharles@hotmail.com or our HOA Manager.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

OUTREACH – SUE CANFIELD, PRESIDENT

Symphony Village Outreach heard the need to fill the Christmas wishes for the patients and residents of Corsica Hills Center in Centreville. Outreach was able to donate \$500 for this cause! This will purchase pajamas, soaps, slippers, and other items on their lists.

Outreach is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. If you would like to donate so Outreach can help others in need in Queen Anne's County, please make checks to SVOPI and deposit in the Lock Box in the Wall Street Room.

Please let Outreach know of others in need.

“THANK YOU” FOR YOUR POP TOPS!

Thank you

A hearty Thank You to all who are collecting pop tops (pull tabs) for Outreach. Outreach is partnering with the local Shriners group that recycles these pop tops for cash. The proceeds are used to transport sick children and their families, at no cost to them, to regional hospitals for needed treatment.



Please continue to collect these tops from beverages, soups, fruits, vegetables, pet foods, tuna, and other cans that you dispose of. **Bring a Ziplock® bag filled with pop tops to the basket in the Craft Room** at the Clubhouse any time, any day. Last year, the money raised regionally from these recycles was over \$30,000!

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – CAROL HODGES, CHAIR

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If you like a company that does work for you, encourage them to advertise in the *Libretto*. They can access the information about advertising on the home page of the SV Website at the bottom.

NEW RESIDENTS

If you see someone new move in, please let the Welcome Committee know. Contact Eileen Rowley (eileen@rowley.org) or Julia Detch (detchja@verizon.net). Also, encourage the new resident to visit the Clubhouse office to fill out a directory form and find out about their access card.

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SNEAKERS – LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

SANTA TREE

Thank you to all of the Symphony Village residents who supported our Santa Tree. We were able to give six needy families a joyful holiday season. Residents provided much needed clothing for each child—coats, shoes, underwear, jeans, and hoodies. We were also able to provide two toys from each child's wish list.

Additionally, we had an anonymous donor who contributed a food basket for each family; and with some extra donations, we were able to include a \$50 food card for each family.

Your generosity has been overwhelming and will certainly be appreciated by these families.

All of the gifts will be delivered to the schools the week of December 16.

BOOK GIVEAWAYS

Sneakers has finished its fall book giveaways. Every elementary school student in Centreville Elementary, Kennard Elementary, Church Hill Elementary, and Sudlersville Elementary received a free book. This is part of our *Leaders are Readers* program that encourages reading for pleasure in younger readers. Thanks to all the Sneakers volunteers who helped with these distributions.

Also, Sneakers was given an anonymous specified donation that was supplemented to enable all fifth graders attending Sudlersville Middle School to receive a grade-wide book that will be distributed in January. There are many reading activities being planned around the reading of this book.

MEETINGS

We invite anyone interested in joining Sneakers to attend our meetings, which are on the calendar. Our next meeting will be in the spring.

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| 5. GNOEGG | 10. PHGSIONP |

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

SV 13TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY CYCLING EVENT

Mark your calendars for the 13th annual New Year's Day cycling event "I've ridden my bike every day this year." All SV bike riders are encouraged to meet at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m., January 1, and ride for as long as weather permits. Some cycle a few hundred feet while others have been known to ride for as much as five to ten miles within SV. Following the ride, all participants traditionally gather in the Clubhouse for hot chocolate and pastries—this year served by Loretta Quigley. The group will surely miss Nancie's special treats! Each year it seems some bikers are more eager to return to the Clubhouse for the delicious treats than rack up mileage and "bragging rights" for the New Year. Come join the camaraderie on New Year's Day.

NOTE: Helmets are required.

If you need a helmet, call Lloyd McAtee at 410-758- 2443.



Don and Robin Downey, Lorie Andersen-Petrie, Tom Baker, Lloyd McAtee, Karen Kram, George Drake, Ray Goodmuth, Pat Scheirer, Bill Rowley, Victor Kleppinger, Tom Meringolo, Steve Quigley

BIRD CLUB – LINDA BLUME



The Tundra Swan is a beautiful bird that can be viewed locally during the winter. It weighs between 10 and 22 pounds (the females are smaller than the males) and has a wingspan of 72"-88". The plumage of adult

birds is all white, and they have black feet and bills that are mostly black. Immature birds are white mixed with some dull gray feathering. They can fly up to 50 miles per hour. In the winter, their diet is mainly leftover grains gleaned in open fields after harvest.

Locally, tundra swans spend from mid-November until March at the [Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center](#) in Grasonville, [Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge](#) in Rock Hall, and [Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge](#) in Cambridge. All three have many viewing opportunities—see the websites for details.



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11TH ANNUAL SYMPHONY VILLAGE CARD AND GAME PARTY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

9:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

AT THE SYMPHONY VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

It is that time again—time to get your group together and sign up in the Card and Game Party Notebook located in the Wall Street Room for the 11th Annual Card and Game Party. Remember if your table is complete, then please note that on the sign-up sheet!

The cost is \$30—80% of which is tax deductible. Please make checks to SVOPI and deposit in the Lock Box in the Wall Street Room.

If you need help organizing a table, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or swartz.lauren@gmail.com. Other questions, please contact either Lauren or Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS – JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR



Winter can be a hazardous time of year. Frigid temperatures and slick roads can be dangerous. When it comes to preparing your home, car, and family during the winter months, follow these tips.



PREPARE FOR HEALTH CARE

It's a good idea to have a health emergency kit with all your medical essentials. If you have chronic conditions, your kit should include a full list of your prescription and over-the-counter medications with dosing instructions. Don't forget to include contact information for your primary care provider and an extra supply of drugs and supplies.

PREPARE YOUR HOME

Winterize your home to help protect yourself and your family from any potential damage the cold temperatures and snow may bring. Follow these tips to keep your home safe and warm:

- Check your heating systems.
- Clean out chimneys and fireplaces.
- Closely monitor any burning fires or candles.
- Check your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.
- Remove ice and snow from walkways to prevent slips and falls.
- Keep an emergency kit in your home that includes flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, extra medicine, and baby items if needed.

PREPARE YOUR CAR

Is your car ready for winter travel? It's not too late to winterize your car. Check out these car care tips to prepare you for winter driving:

- Check your tires and replace with all-weather or snow tires, if necessary.
- Keep your gas tank full to prevent ice from getting in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use a wintertime fluid in your windshield washer.
- Make an emergency kit to keep in your car. Include water, snacks, first-aid kit, blankets, flashlight, extra batteries, portable cell phone charger, and emergency flares.

PREPARE FOR OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES

Take these steps to prevent serious injuries and illnesses, like hypothermia and frostbite:

- Wear layers of light and warm clothing, a wind-resistant coat, waterproof shoes, and a hat, gloves, and scarf.
- Work slowly when engaged in outdoor tasks, such as shoveling your driveway or removing snow from your car.
- Take a friend and carry a charged cell phone when participating in outdoor activities.

For more winter weather safety tips, visit the Symphony Village CERT Homeowners website, <https://sv-info.org/cert-files/homeowners.html>.

LUNCH BUNCH TAKING A BREAK – BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO

The Lunch Bunch is taking a break for the months of January and February. We will resume the Lunch Bunch in March. If you have a restaurant you would like us to visit in the spring, just let us know. We are looking for new locations. Send your suggestions to mbestrano@gmail.com or bptrotta@gmail.com.

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
A HAPPY HANUKKAH, AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR! STAY WARM!**



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

11TH ANNUAL OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

LORETTA QUIGLEY, FOOD DRIVE CHAIR

Thank you to our generous neighbors and friends who participated in our 11th Annual Food Drive. Over a ton of food was collected (2,231 items) and delivered to QAC Social Services in time for Thanksgiving distribution. Once again, it was a pleasure to coordinate this effort with Jone Taylor, Nurturing Coordinator for Social Services.

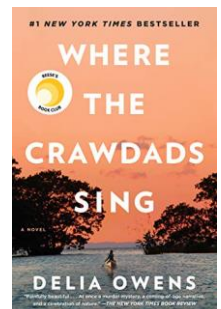
Much appreciation to the team—the Petersons, the Pages, the Nilssons, the McAtees, the McManus', the Ciesielskis, Linda Blume, Anita Morris, the Porosoffs, the Cookes, the Hodges', and the Farrars—for their willingness to help in making this another banner year!



READING FOR FUN – NOVEMBER 2019 REVIEW – JOE SIKES, CHAIR

The SV Book Club met on November 19 to review *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. The book was such a hit that the Conference Room was bursting with a record crowd. People said there must have been hundreds of attendees. The names I was able to write down included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn and Jim Buckheit, Terri O’Connell, Lidija & Ingo Kampa, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Bob Nilsson, DeAnn Cheyne, Sue Canfield, Cathy Olson, Linda Butler, Karen Kram, Lee Ettman, and Susan Goldberg.

Where the Crawdads Sing is set in the marshes of coastal North Carolina where six-year-old Kya Clark lives in a dilapidated cabin with her highly dysfunctional family. The year is 1952. Her family slowly disintegrates starting with her mother’s sudden escape from her abusive father. Inexorably her older siblings depart when they become old enough, leaving Kya with her father who is often



absent for weeks at a time. By the time she is ten, her father also leaves for good and Kya learns to survive on her own. She becomes known locally as the “Marsh Girl.” The author tells the fascinating story of her survival in the marsh to form one-half of the book.

For the other half of the story, the prologue of the book introduces a suspicious death occurring in the swamp in 1969. The author alternates between the two stories throughout until, inevitably, the stories converge and become one riveting mystery. The “Marsh Girl,” now in her early twenties, is suspected to be involved in the suspicious death. It was hard to put the book down as it neared its** final resolution. The alternating chapters used by the author contributed significantly to my enjoyment in reading the book. (The large print copy didn't hurt either!)

The club loved the book and scored it as 8.64 on a 10-point scale. Bob Nilsson scored it as 9.125, but I refunded .025 to him as an early Christmas gift. The score is the second highest in the last two years for the club.

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 of the Clubhouse. Meeting dates and associated books we plan to review are:

December 17 – *The Roundhouse* by Louise Erdrich

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

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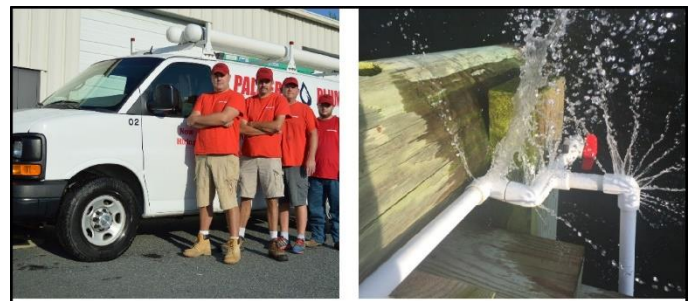


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Word Scramble Answers:

1. PLUM PUDDING
2. TWINKLING STARS
3. SAGITTARIUS and CAPRICORN
4. FIRST DAY OF WINTER
5. EGGNOG
6. NEW YEAR'S EVE
7. ZIRCON and TURQUOISE
8. POINSETTIA
9. COLD MOON
10. SHOPPING

CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

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, December 20: Spaghetti with Sausage**
- **Friday, December 27: Fried Oyster Dinner**
- **Friday, January 3: To Be Announced**
- **Friday, January 10: To Be Announced**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Tuesday, December 17, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.:** [Fake News and Scams Holiday Edition](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Friday, December 20, 2 – 4:30 p.m.:** [Friday Film: Blinded by the Light](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Saturday, December 21, 3 – 4 p.m.:** [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (Pre-register on the website)
- **Saturday, January 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.:** [Make and Take - Beaded Snowflakes](#) (Family event; Drop in event)
- **Friday, January 10, 2 – 4:30 p.m.:** [Friday Movie](#) (TBA)

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Goodwill Fire Company in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, December 15, 7:30 – 11 a.m.** Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for ages 5 and under.



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

INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LEARNING SHOWCASE



The Institute for Adult Learning (IAL) at Chesapeake College is hosting an event to "Showcase" the seminars to be offered during the Spring 2020 session. It will be held on **Thursday, January 9, 10 a.m. to noon**, in the Health Professions and Athletic Center (HPAC), Room 130, at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills.

The IAL offers numerous seminars and classes (usually 4 sessions of 90 minutes each). Cost for the Spring 2020 session is \$75 (plus \$5 registration fee) and you can register for as many classes as you like. Registration begins on the date of the Showcase - January 9, 2020. The list of available seminars is scheduled to be available by December 21 at www.chesapeake.edu/continuing_ed.ial.

For additional information, contact SV resident and IAL Council member Cindy Bogner (703-655-6505) or the Program Director at Chesapeake College, Lois Thomas, 410-827-5810, lthomas@chesapeake.edu.

SOCIAL SINGLES VISIT ITALY 2019



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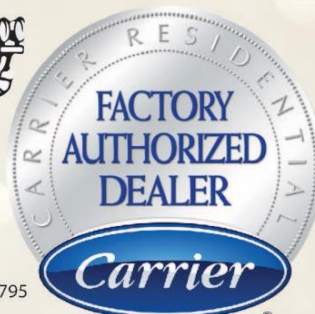
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