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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.

THE MARCH LIBRETTO IS DEDICATED TO JIM ARNTS!

JIM ARNTS – MY HERO

PAT FOX

Living in a 55+ community is wonderful, yet hard. Wonderful for all the fun and friendships – hard for the people we lose. Our neighbor, Jim Arnts, recently passed away after a valiant fight over several years with pancreatic cancer. He contributed so much of his time and talent to Symphony Village, starting with meetings about our propane supplier costs and moving onto many different things. Most of our recent projects and amenities wouldn't be what they are today without Jim's skill, expertise, and dedication.

I look around the Clubhouse, the Village proper, and our Website, and I see Jim's signature all over it. He was extremely instrumental in analyzing our space needs for the expansion, especially the storage wing. He was fortunate to have baseline storage needs developed by folks on the 2015 Operations Committee, but he also confirmed and updated the information that was used by our architect in her design. In addition, Jim assisted in sizing the Concert Hall expansion and determined how many new tables we could fit in the overall room based upon the fire code. He was the major force coordinating the second movie screen and synchronizing it with the sound system. Jim would always come up and help with our movie nights, in the early months, as we were working out the bugs in the system.




For our outside needs, Jim was on the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, not only as Secretary but also as a burgeoning expert on our complicated irrigation network. He worked with our irrigation consultant and was attempting to document where the network actually is underground, since the developer never gave SV much in the way of “as-built diagrams.” As a Landscape Committee member told me, “Jim was a crackerjack engineer.” “If he had his own Mission Statement, it would be something like, “Everything can work even better after I understand better how it works.” His research and analysis were relentless. His documentation skills were incredibly thorough. Ultimately, Jim understood and programmed the automation of our irrigation system so well that he would coach and advise the irrigation contractors on how it functioned best. He was a star!

Jim was also on the Publications and Communications Committee and helped manage the Website. I once asked him if he thought we could expand the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. Honestly, before I finished the sentence, he was off interviewing committee chairs, staff, etc. We now have a much broader FAQ. He was always available to post eBlasts and to act as a Leader for the Nextdoor chat room.



Mary Jo Volpicelli recognized Jim for all his contributions to SV at a Social Hour

I always told Jim he was my hero. No matter what assistance I needed personally or professionally, he was ready, willing, and able. Jim, we will miss you terribly, as we know your wife Pat and children will. I still expect to see Jim walking around Symphony Village or into a meeting. We will leave an open chair at the table for you!

<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome to the Neighborhood!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Pat Hessian 825 Harmony Way</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Steven & Annette Nelson 210 Concerto Avenue</p>
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**Due to the current health crisis,
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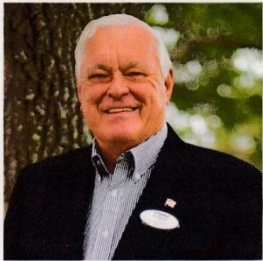
SV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 6, 2020, MEETING ACTION ITEMS

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT




- **Symphony Village Paint Portfolio:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve the reorganized and updated Symphony Village Paint Portfolio proposed by the Covenants Committee, which provides details and guidance for the approved SV paint color palette for shutters and doors in Symphony Village.
- **HVAC Preventive Maintenance Contract:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) maintenance and inspection contract for all units in the Clubhouse at a cost of \$5,858.
- **Exterior Modification Form Revisions:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve administrative changes proposed by the Covenants Committee to the Exterior Modification Form for clarification purposes, including the change to the monthly Committee meeting date and clarifying the time period for completion of approved work.
- **Pole Lamp Replacement Light Fixtures:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Covenants Committee that the General Manager be authorized to approve the Exterior Modification Form proposing a standard Symphony Village carriage-style light pole head in any of three colors—antique brass, brass, and black.
- **Needle Cast Tree Maintenance:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve a recommendation by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee to contract with Bartlett Tree Experts to apply two applications of treatment for Needle Cast disease on 220 Spruce and Blue Spruce trees at a cost of \$4,540.
- **Clubhouse Shrubbery Restoration:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve a recommendation by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee to consult with Level Green, our new Landscaping Company, assisting in the evaluation of the current condition and need for restoration of the planting beds in the front of the Clubhouse and the island beds to each side of the half circle fire lane (Phase 1).
- **Berm & Retaining Wall Mulch:** A motion was passed three to two approving a recommendation by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee for an application of mulch to common area strips behind Overture properties fronting the forested areas and above the walking path on Harmony at a cost of \$575.
- **Terms of Reference Revision:** A motion was passed four in favor and one abstention to approve various modifications to the Terms of Reference reflecting changes suggested at the annual Terms of Reference training program for Committee leaders.
- **Outdoor Pool Rail and Coping Repair and Cleaning:** A motion was passed unanimously to approve tile and railing repair and cleaning to the outdoor pool by Anchor Aquatics at a cost of \$4,980.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD NEWS

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

As the weather is changing, we have all been watching the birds and other *wildlife* emerge from the “not so awful” winter months. Walking our *pets* has not been such a chore. In saying that, our next Show will feature *Pets and Wildlife*, domestic vs. wild creatures, great and small! We can’t wait to see all your photos and paintings.

We will be collecting artwork on **Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to noon**. You can also pick up your Artist’s Choice works that same time. Our **Reception for Pets and Wildlife will be held on Sunday, April 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Concert Hall**.

Any questions: suecanfield20@gmail.com or phdeck700@gmail.com.

COVENANTS UPDATE

DEBI WELLS, CHAIR



New Exterior Paint Colors – The community has a new *Exterior Paint Portfolio*! The Covenants Committee has added attractive, subtle neutrals to our existing, original (Caruso developer) shutter and door colors. The Committee chose these colors after much research through popular sources such as *Pinterest*, *Southern Living*, *Forbes*, etc. (An interesting tidbit, a Zillow analysis found that 2019 homes sold with doors painted shades of navy blue to dark gray or charcoal earned an additional premium of \$1.5K!) Ultimately, the Covenants Committee turned to a premier provider of shutters, Ply-Gem, for the best exterior colors to enhance our *Portfolio*.

And, there’s a very good reason!

Ply-Gem outsells their competitors and has an annual revenue of +\$2B. They stay competitive by investing

substantially into home trends, of which exterior color is a major player. Consequently, it made sense to the Covenants Committee to research and then incorporate some Ply-Gem exterior colors to blend with our community’s palette. However, since Ply-Gem warranties its shutters for 55 years, they *do not make paint*! Consequently, the Covenants Committee teamed with two local paint companies, Sherwin Williams on Kent Island and Ace Hardware (Price & Gannon) in Centreville, to have paints made to match the Ply-Gem colors. Residents are encouraged to use any paint company (Lowe’s, Home Depot, etc.) of their choice to purchase an *approved* paint color.

All *approved* paint colors are visible in the new *Exterior Paint Portfolio* at the HOA Management Office. Please review the *Portfolio* when convenient to find a color you’d like for your doors or shutters. Then, ask an HOA staff member for a copy of the page where it is located. That page identifies a formula or paint name along with exterior modification requirements for Symphony Village. It’s comprehensive! Everything you’ll need is on one page.

Exterior Modification Forms (EMFs) – Do you have an exterior modification in mind? Please review the community’s [Architectural Requirements](#) online. If there’s an exterior modification you’d like to initiate that’s not listed or if you have questions, please contact me (debwells2011@gmail.com). EMFs are available online

or you may obtain a copy at the HOA Clubhouse Office. The sooner an EMF is submitted, the better!
 Upcoming due dates for exterior modifications are: April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, and August 6.

Working sprinkler heads = A happy community!



Please be aware! All homeowners are required to wait until the Irrigation Contractor (Montgomery Irrigation) turns the irrigation system on to allow them to inspect and identify sprinkler head locations before a resident initiates an *approved* exterior modification that requires a shovel to be put into the ground. **If a resident chooses *not to wait* for an inspection by the Irrigation Contractor, and a sprinkler head or the irrigation system is damaged, the financial burden belongs to the resident.** If a shovel is required to be put into the ground, in addition to the *approved* EMF, completion of a Ground Installation Form by Miss Utility and the Irrigation Contractor is required. The Ground Installation Form is online or a copy can be

obtained from the HOA Clubhouse Office.

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BAGWORMS — HELP STOP THE INVASION!

BILL WELLS, LANDSCAPE/TREE COMMITTEE



Recently, there have been residents asking about bagworms. After the Village’s major infestation last year—I don’t blame them! So, this is a short summary about these nasty pests; more importantly, some treatment options to help you decide the best way to control them.

During a recent walk through the community, I saw a bagworm nest hanging from a willow oak. Now is the best time of year to see the bagworms nests! They are easy to spot. They love to eat most arborvitae, but will dine on maple, boxelder, willow, black locust, poplar, oak, apple, cherry, persimmon, willow oak, and anything with green leafy leaves. For this reason, it’s important their local activity is noted and confronted. They will not go away on their own. *If you see them on common area trees and shrubs, please let us know via the General Manager.*

You can tell if your shrub or tree has bagworms by the defoliation and bags of silk and foliage hanging down from twigs and branches. The deciduous trees (that lose their leaves) will have their bags visibly hanging down from bare branches. The bags contain larvae. They overwintered as eggs inside the female’s abdomen within the bag she constructed last year. Each female will lay 500 – 1000 eggs in each bag during the previous fall. It’s important to get rid of the bags if at all possible. The larvae hatch in early May and begin feeding on the tree’s foliage, mostly at night, and will continue to do so through August. The early larvae will be very small and inconspicuous at



first. But as they grow, their nests become larger and larger. In September, the male moths emerge and seek receptive females, and then mating begins. Ugh! Just an interesting note: the females remain in their nests once fully developed from their larval feeding stage. This is because they have no functioning mouthparts, legs, or wings.

There are two primary ways to kill these pests: (1) pick their nests off the tree (good exercise and an easy way to enhance your tan), placing all nest bags into a plastic bag, and tying it tight to



keep them from escaping; and (2) spray them!

Picking them off can occur whenever you see them. The most effective spraying is in early to late May through June while the larvae are actively feeding and small. When the caterpillars are no longer feeding (after late August), the tree will not experience additional damage beyond what has already occurred. Most importantly, spraying after August is ineffective and may be a waste of time and money unless a very harsh insecticide is used. I try to stay away from harsh pesticides, since they also kill pollinating and some beneficial insects that help to naturally control harmful insects.

Anita Gruss
Manager



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If you choose to spray your shrubs or trees yourself, be careful, and please follow the label instructions. I recommend **Dipel or Thuricide**. They both contain **Bacillus thuringiensis**. This natural bacterium is deadly to bagworm larvae (worms), but does not harm non-foraging insects such as honeybees. If you choose to have them professionally treated, this is an excellent way to control them. We have several local companies with licensed pesticide applicators.

There is no way to determine if your tree will regenerate new foliage, so wait until spring after the new growth appears before considering removing it. I hope this helps.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR; JOE SIKES, CORRESPONDENT

The Lifestyle Committee met on March 2 and elected Janet Leister as Committee Vice-Chair in accordance with the SV Terms of Reference. Congratulations to our new Vice-Chair!

The Committee also thanks Sandee Love for her generous donation of two hot plates for use at future events.

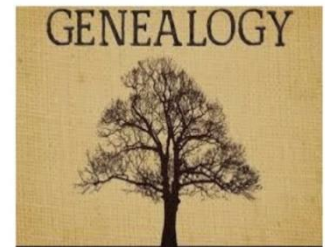
We also thank Janet and Jack Leister and Kathleen and Ed Sullivan who hosted our March 6 Social Hour with a "Spring Forward" theme. Lovely flowers, a delicious cake, and a special welcome to some of our newest SV neighbors all contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

Coming Soon To The Village

The annual Spring Birthdays Social Hour will be held in conjunction with a St. Patrick's Day celebration on **Saturday, March 21**. Come enjoy Zina's famous birthday cake and Irish Mary's infamous Irish coffee. Who said a birthday couldn't be enjoyed?



On **Wednesday, March 25, from noon - 2 p.m.**, join us for a light lunch and informational presentation on tracing your family tree. Learn how to preserve your family's stories for future generations. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign up in the Wall Street Room and leave a check payable to SVHOA, memo Speaker. Or sign up electronically on the eBlast (sent March 4) and bring cash or check to the door.



Movie Night returns on **Saturday, March 28, at 7 p.m.**, with Randy Officer presenting *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

SV resident Norm Carmichael has agreed to lead a **Wine Tasting**, focused on Spanish wines, on **Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m.** Norm was formerly an importer of European wines, as well as an Executive Chef. The cost is \$15 per person and

those wishing to attend will need to sign up and prepay by the firm cut-off date of **Tuesday, April 14**, as wines will be purchased based on the numbers participating. Watch for further details via eBlast and ECHOES.



The Lifestyle Committee has arranged for a class on **Seva Stress Relief on Wednesday, April 15, from 2 – 4 p.m.** It will be taught by Michele Wade, a licensed massage therapist. This acupressure technique, developed after 9/11, has been used at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in addiction recovery programs at the West Virginia University Hospital, and is taught to nurses at the University of Maryland. Ms. Wade will teach participants to use the technique on their own to promote relaxation and decrease the level of stress hormones. The cost is \$30 per person, payable to the instructor at the start of the class, but sign-up is necessary. Details will be forthcoming by eBlast.



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Karen Kram graciously agreed to organize the **May Day May Basket Competition**, which was so popular last year. The plan is to announce the winner at the Social Hour on May 1. Expect to see advertising and event details beginning April 1.

The **Spring Yard Sale** is currently scheduled for **Saturday, May 2**, but we need someone who is willing to Chair the event with assistance from the Committee. Ed Beres agreed to pass out maps, water, and goodie bags as he has in the past.

The **Memorial Day Picnic** will be held **Sunday, May 24**, and will feature a barbecue vendor. Vinnie and Mary Jo Volpicelli have volunteered to Chair the picnic this year. More details will be forthcoming as planning continues.



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Additional Planning: We have officially invited the Canadian folk group, *Gathering Sparks*, to present a concert on **Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m.** The cost is \$10 per person. Joe Sikes is the Event Chair and is working on logistics with the group.

The Lifestyle Committee is committed to seeking out exciting and interesting activities for all of our Villagers. The many events being considered — Tai Chi, Antiques Appraisals, Preakness Social Hour, Dog Show, and a possible repeat of Cheeseburgers in Paradise — are starting to outnumber Committee members. We enthusiastically encourage new volunteers to join the Committee that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We welcome anyone who would like to serve as Event Chair for a specific event, as Karen Kram has done for May Day. Joining the Committee is not a requirement. Simply let us know that you are interested. The more the merrier!

SV Craft and Flea Market with Bake Sale

FLEA & CRAFT MARKET The Lifestyle Committee has given the go-ahead for the SV Craft and Flea Market with Bake Sale for five Saturdays this summer (the third Saturday of May through September) in the Clubhouse parking lot. Look for more details in the April *Libretto*, or contact me at 410-758-3194 or linda7925y@yahoo.com for more information. Participation is FREE and the markets will be advertised to the general public.

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The Operations Committee is responsible for aiding the HOA Board of Directors and the General Manager regarding management and operation of community common property. We share this responsibility with the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks. We meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m.

While we make recommendations to respond to existing issues, we are also trying to take a longer-range look at the condition of our infrastructure. After all, the value of our homes is affected by the impression potential buyers form when they visit the community. Our semi-annual property inspection is scheduled in April, and will attempt to look more closely at future planning. Additionally, we are reviewing a number of requests from residents regarding possible purchase of equipment for the fitness center.

We encourage residents to come to our meetings, share your input, and hopefully join in the Committee's work. For example, we can always use more eyes during the property inspection. For those who can't attend our meetings, we are investigating different methods to increase outreach. Residents are always welcome to share their thoughts with me directly.

The community belongs to us all. My current need is to find someone who is willing to take minutes as our Secretary. I may have to start poaching other Committees when the free agency period begins!

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OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, PRESIDENT

Symphony Village Outreach will host a *Paint and Sip Night* on **Thursday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

We will paint on a piece of glass. This could be framed or hung with side hooks like a piece of stained glass. We are excited to have local Artist, Theresa Schram, teach us. The cost for this event is \$40, \$10 of which will go to Outreach to enable us to donate to some of the non-profits in Queen Anne's County.

Please sign up in the Wall Street Room of the Clubhouse. Checks can be written to SVOPI for \$40.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR

Everyone is welcome to attend the committee meetings held the first Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. Currently, we are seeking residents who have web page editing capabilities or other talents.

SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

Read Across America

Thank you for all who participated in the Kennard Elementary Read Across America. Robin Plummer, the reading specialist, was very appreciative of our help. She also indicated that the program was well received by the students.

Spaghetti Dinner Save the Date

The American Legion Riders have generously offered their May 8 Spaghetti Dinner as a fundraiser for Sneakers. This means that all of the profits from the dinners served **Friday, May 8**, will be donated to Sneakers. The dinners are \$10 each and include their delicious spaghetti, salad, dessert, and beverage. Dinners can be eaten at the Legion or taken out.

As a courtesy, we would like to get an idea of the number of people planning to attend so they don't run out of food. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book by the middle of April. Please put this on your calendar. Details will follow in next month's newsletter.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

BIRD CLUB

LINDA BLUME



The Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America. You can frequently spot one flying overhead or on the edge of the SV ponds. This very distinctive heron is 38" – 54" in height with a wingspan of 66" to 80." It has slate gray flight feathers, and a nearly white face with a pair of black and white streaking plumes from just above the eye to the back of the head, and

has a dull yellow bill. This heron forages mostly by standing still or walking very slowly in shallow water, waiting for fish to swim near, and then striking with a rapid thrust of the bill. It flies overhead with slow wingbeats, its head hunched back onto its shoulders.





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On Wednesday last week, eight SV residents strolled over to the bocce courts at 5:30 p.m. to play one game of nine points. Four ladies beat four men at that game, and on the following day, Thursday, team Tony and Karen blew away team Patti and Amy as they came from behind during the last round of ball tossing to score 15 to 9.

Since bocce ball tossing can be too close to call, a measuring device is used to clarify which ball is closest to the pallino (the little yellow target-ball.) People use all sorts of makeshift measures — string, sticks, and car antennae. These are fine. However, if you want to step it up a bit, use the tin can with the string attached that you can find in the SV bocce equipment box. That little tin can has resolved many a discussion as to which ball has earned the winning point!

See you all this week and thereafter, each Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the SV bocce courts. **Let the good times roll!**

BUG—FOES OR FRIENDS?

BETTY MCATEE

Remember the days when a summertime vacation road trip required a thorough cleaning of bug debris from your windshield at least once a day? Just the word “bug” makes so many of us squirm and begin to conjure up thoughts of eradication! In fact, the human “war on bugs” has resulted in a 45% decline in insect populations during the past 40 years.

Many bugs/insects are destructive in the garden/forest, but about 97% are “good/beneficial/essential.” Almost all food webs would disappear if insects were eliminated. That, in turn, would lead to a gradual disappearance of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals. Without organic decomposition involving bugs, humans are at risk. Altogether, homeowners in the U.S. use more insecticides per acre than farmers. Mosquito fogging, which is a pyrethroid chemical treatment, kills any insect on contact, not just mosquitoes.

But there is hope, says Dr. Douglas Tallamy, a renowned entomologist and author/professor at the University of Delaware. He writes that we can make a difference by collectively creating a “Homegrown National Park” in our own yards. If about half of our yards were converted to native plant communities, without the need for fertilizers, pesticides, plus irrigation, a significant restoration of functional ecosystems is possible. Invasive plants should

be removed to allow the native vegetation to support native insect populations up to 100 times more effective than nonnative plants. Native pollinator gardens supply pollen and nectar critically



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Four thousand species of native bees were present in North America pollinating most plants before the import of honeybees from Europe. These native bees can be supported by planting goldenrod, asters, sunflowers, and violets in our gardens to name a few.

With collective conservation stewardship by private landowners, crucial insect populations can be restored for the benefit of all life on Earth.

(Adapted from Washington Post 03/01/2020 “Rethinking your yard can save our essential bugs” based on Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard by Douglas W. Tallamy)

KNOWING CPR CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. THAT’S A FACT!

DEBI WELLS, CERT VOLUNTEER

Did you know four out of five cardiac arrests occur at home? Not only that, many victims of sudden cardiac arrest appear healthy and may not have any known heart diseases or risk factors. Performing CPR promptly may save the life of someone you love! Anyone can learn CPR and everyone should. The American Heart Association reports that 70% of Americans feel helpless to act in the event of a cardiac emergency because they either do not know how to effectively administer CPR *or their training has lapsed*.



Another startling fact: brain death occurs four to six minutes after the heart stops. CPR keeps blood flowing and provides oxygen to the brain and other vital organs, giving the victim a better chance for full recovery. If CPR is given within the first two minutes of cardiac arrest, the chances of survival double. In addition, always remember, ***CPR cannot be administered to a person who is lying in bed***; instead, they need to be on a hard surface (like the floor) to receive the benefit. Ready for a CPR class? Here are the details:



RESIDENT CPR TRAINING!

Date: Wed., April 8
Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Location: Concert Hall
Register! Wall Street Room

The SV CERT is excited to let you know [Queen Anne’s County Emergency Medical Services \(QAC EMS\)](#) will provide the CPR training with certification. There are only 30 seats available, so register now!

- **Attire:** Please wear non-restrictive clothing and skid resistant shoes.
- **Physical Limitations:** This demo will be on the ground to simulate a real-life scenario. If you have physical limitations (if getting on the floor is difficult or not an option), QAC EMS can work with residents on

modifications. So, please, do not let this keep you from this valuable learning session. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it to further protect your knees.

- **CPR Demo Info:** CPR no longer includes mouth-to-mouth resuscitation! Since 2008, CPR consists of rapid, deep presses only to the chest to save a life until help arrives.
- **CPR Certified:** This will be a CPR certification class. Certification cards, for a minimal fee (most likely \$5 or less), will be available after completion of the course.
- **Cancellation:** If you need to cancel your attendance for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We want to be sure every seat is filled.

We look forward to seeing you on April 8! Registration is in the Wall Street Room.

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LUNCH BUNCH CANCELLED

MARGE STRANO & BEA TROTTA

The Lunch Bunch scheduled for April 18, 2020, has been cancelled. It does not appear reasonable that this event will work for the month of April. If things change, we could consider scheduling a Lunch Bunch event for the month of May. Wishing everyone good health!

NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR MEETING CANCELLED.

MARGE STRANO, CHAIR

In view of the State and National Emergencies involving COVID-19, the Neighbor to Neighbor Meeting scheduled for March 18 has been cancelled. Street Captains may send Street Reports to CC Terry at eterry7651@aol.com.

Hope everyone is feeling well and taking precautions to stay healthy and safe. Please take care!



PICKLEBALL SPRING SCHEDULE AND CLINICS



Joyce Linder, Rosemary Rosenberger, and George Drake will conduct

pickleball lessons/clinics to anyone in the Village who wants to come out and learn about pickleball and give it a try. Just in case you've missed information in the past, we have two beautiful pickleball courts on one of our existing tennis courts (the bright yellow lines). Lessons/Clinics start on **Thursday, April 9, and Saturday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m.** Come to one or both of the sessions. Follow-up lessons/clinics will follow

depending upon interest.

Demo? If you would like to watch the game being played before you try a lesson/clinic, come to any of the Open Play sessions below. Seats available. For more information, contact any of the current pickleball players.

The Open Play sessions (meet-up times) are scheduled as follows: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m. The courts for Open Play are already in session! (We've been enjoying this warm weather! Ahhh, germ-free open air!)

EQUIPMENT NOTE: After trying pickleball once or twice, please purchase your **own paddle** from Dick's Sports in Easton, Amazon, eBay, or Pickleball Central. Decent paddles start at about \$50. We provide balls at SV, but you may want to purchase a set of three **OUTDOOR** pickleballs for use on other courts around QAC. To learn about equipment, read the information on how to select a paddle at <https://www.pickleballcentral.com/Default.asp>.

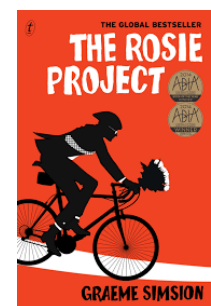
CAUTION TO ALL PICKLEBALLERS: We love sharing the game of pickleball with you, but we don't care to share your germs on our balls. If you have any symptoms of ANY health issue, please give your fellow pickleballers a break and stay away from playing until you are well. We thank each other for that consideration!

READING FOR FUN – JANUARY 2020 REVIEW

JOE SIKES, BMI 30

The SV Book Club met on February 18 to review **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Bob Nilsson, Ellen Reid, Karen Kram, Sue Goldberg, Lidija Kampa, and Peggy Decker.

The book's protagonist, Don Tillman, is a genetics professor in Australia who has decided he needs a wife. While he is a brilliant scientist, Don's social skills are lacking. He is clearly on the autism spectrum, albeit undiagnosed. Consistent with his highly structured life, Don creates a questionnaire to identify the characteristics of a good mate for himself, which he hopes will eliminate bad matches and awkward social situations. The questionnaire is the key to his search, which he calls "The Wife Project." For example, if



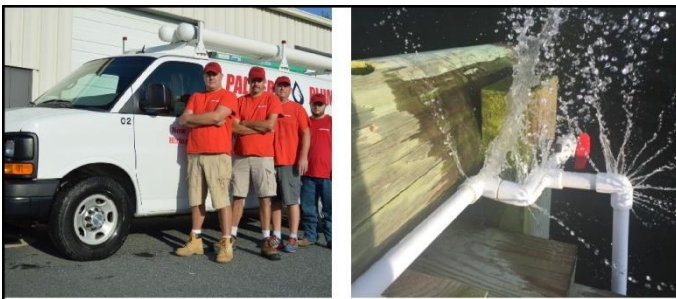
the Book Club wanted to vet prospective club members, Don might create a "Book Club Member Project" for us **with hypothetical criteria such as:**

- Calm and polite personality
- Owner of a bakery (BMI < 50)
- Scores books with only one decimal point
- Picks up after their dog
- Speaks at least one language
- Arranges end-of-year Book Club cruise

Don Tillman’s criterion for a wife is much more detailed than this, however, and “The Wife Project” meets with little success. However, Don does experience many humorous (for the reader) social situations as he conducts his search. Meanwhile, an older colleague tries to convince Don that his structured questionnaire is the wrong approach and sends Rosie Jarman to meet him. Don immediately realizes that Rosie fails almost all of his criteria but is nonetheless intrigued by her. When Don finds out that Rosie is seeking the identity of her true father, he offers to help investigate possible candidates using his genetics lab. He creates “The Rosie Project” to sort out candidates and thus stays connected with her, supposedly for scientific reasons.

Rosie’s interaction with Don challenges and expands his social skills, taking him on a journey of self-discovery. The search for Rosie's father becomes a detective story of its own. Seen through the lens of an autistic brain, the story has many interesting and funny episodes. For example, Don’s initial description of individuals always includes an estimate of body mass index (BMI), because physical fitness is important to him. The Book Club however, made it clear that pursuing their BMI’s would be detrimental to my health, so I will not speak of it again.

By the end of the book, Don has discovered that "the heart wants what the heart wants," no matter how much you analyze it. Whether that results in a happy ending or not is something you will have to read the book to answer. **The Rosie Project** achieved a score of 7.200001 on a 10.000000-point scale, clearly higher than January’s book selection by 1 millionth of a point. (Note item 3 in the “Book Club Member Project” above.)



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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 listed below.

March 16 -- *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

April 21 -- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

HAPPY HATS WIG MAKING WORKSHOP

This workshop will have participants work on whimsical yarn wigs to help brighten the day for a child with cancer. All are welcome...no experience necessary.

Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m. – noon, in the Bernstein Room



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CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

SPRING CONCERT POSTPONED



The [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) postponed its spring concert, "Stage and Screen," originally scheduled for April 18, until **Saturday, June 27**. The concert venue remains the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills.

COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING IN MARCH



[Compass Regional Hospice](#) offers its three-day spring training session for any individuals interested in becoming a patient care volunteer on **March 24, 25, and 26**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at St. Luke's Methodist Church (100 S. 5th Avenue) in Denton. "Most often, patient volunteers give companionship to patients by reading, playing cards, or just watching television with the patients. They also give caregivers a chance to have a much needed break to tend to other responsibilities," said Robyn Affron, Volunteer Manager. "Our volunteers provide the added support that our patients and families need during an overwhelming time." To register or for more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Robyn Affron, 443-262-4112, raffron@compassregionalhospice.org.

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, March 20:** Hot Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (\$13)
- **Friday, March 27:** Fried Oyster Dinner (\$20)
- **Friday, April 3:** Fried Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (\$13)
- **Friday, April 10:** Steamed Shrimp (\$15)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Friday, March 20**, 2 – 4 p.m.: [Friday Film](#) – On the Basis of Sex (PG-13)
- **Saturday, March 21**, 3 – 4 p.m.: [Crime and a Cuppa](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Wednesday, March 25**, 5:30 – 7 p.m.: [Inspiring Ted Talks for Women](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Saturday, March 28**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: [Make and Take](#) – Paper Straw Tulip (Family event; drop in)
- **Monday, April 6**, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: [Monday Morning Makers](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Monday, April 6**, 3 – 3:30 p.m.: [Tell Your Story - Queen Anne's County History Project](#) (Preregister on the website)

- **Tuesday, April 7**, 1 – 2 p.m.: [Lunch and Learn](#) – Mo’ Money Mo’ Online Problems (Preregister on the website)
- **Monday, April 13**, 3 – 3:30 p.m.: [Tell Your Story - Queen Anne's County History Project](#) (Preregister on the website)
- **Wednesday, April 15**, 6 – 7 p.m.: [Happy Healthy Year of Wellness](#) – Eating Healthy on a Budget (Preregister on the website)

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



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

Understanding the Journey of Grief



Compass Region Hospice hosts [Understanding the Journey of Grief](#) on **Saturday, March 21**, 1 - 2:30 p.m., at Hospice (255 Comet Drive) in Centreville. Are you struggling with grief or helping someone else through their grief journey? Are you challenged with deciding what is normal? Let Compass Regional Hospice’s trained grief support staff stand with you and help you through this time. For more information, contact Rhonda Knotts, rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org, 443-262-4109.

Queen Anne’s County Schools Faculty Art Show



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council presents a [Faculty Art Show](#) **March 21 – April 4** at the Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. The Opening Reception will be on **Saturday, March 21**, 7 – 9 p.m.

Women’s History Celebration 5K Trail Run/Walk



Queen Anne’s County Parks and Recreation hosts the [Women's History Celebration 5K Trail Run/Walk](#) on **Saturday, March 21**, 8 – 11 a.m., at White Marsh Park (200 Bloomfield Lane) in Centreville. Come discover the scenic trails around White Marsh Park while supporting women’s history month. The course incorporates paths around the park’s playing fields as well as showcasing the surrounding hidden ponds and wetlands among the various wildlife sanctuaries. After the run,

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there will be an awards presentation, vendors, and information about the Maryland Museum of Women's History opening in 2020 on Bloomfield Farm Lane. Registration is \$30 before March 20 and \$35 after.

DJ/Karaoke Dance



The Auxiliary of American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville hosts a DJ/Karaoke Dance on **Saturday, March 21**, 7 – 11 p.m. There will be light hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$10 per person. The event benefits the Flags for Vets Program.

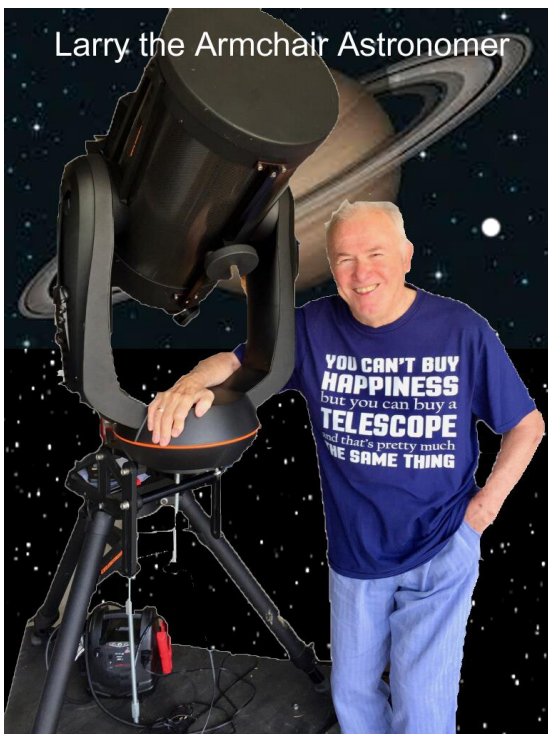
Children's Easter Egg Hunt



The Centreville Lions Club hosts the Children's Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 11**, 11 a.m., at Millstream Park in Centreville. There will be plenty of eggs for the children along with other prizes.

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

ASTEROIDS AS NEAR-EARTH OBJECTS (NEOS)



The picture of Larry is one that Jim Arnts created for Larry's articles. What a friend he was to Larry! Jim also bought Larry the T-shirt he is wearing.

Our current moon is roughly 2,200 miles in diameter and orbits about 240,000 miles from the Earth, once per month. Over the last two decades, astronomers have discovered several additional, temporary "mini moons." A moon is defined as a celestial body that makes an orbit around a planet, including the eight major planets, dwarf planets, and minor planets. In the last 20 years, astronomers have confirmed that the Earth has captured two – three small asteroids that have become miniature moons orbiting our planet. The most recent one, a temporary mini moon—2020Cad3, is a small asteroid that was discovered in September 2019. It is expected to be ejected from Earth's orbit in April, 2020. Once it leaves Earth's orbit, it will return to a heliocentric orbit, which is an orbit around the sun. This is only the third asteroid known to orbit Earth, and while it won't last, it acts as a temporary mini-moon whirling around our planet. Congress has funded NASA to detect Near Earth Objects, NEO's that are potential threats to our planet, such as the one that destroyed the dinosaurs. NASA has an Office of Planetary Protection dedicated to developing means and methods of protecting the Earth from hits by major asteroids.

Asteroids are leftover material from the formation of our solar system and are therefore natural bodies in the heavens. They come from the Asteroid Belt, located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. There are hundreds of thousands of them in the swarm. Jupiter, ten times the size of Earth, with its strong gravitational pull, often protects Earth by capturing and destroying asteroids and comets, but sometimes flings them our way. Last year's 2019 OK was particularly frightening because it caught

scientists off guard. This 300' diameter asteroid flew between the Earth and the Moon, coming within 40,000 miles of our planet's surface during its closest approach. If it had hit Earth, the blast could have devastated an area roughly 50 miles across, a potential "city buster." The Chelyabinsk meteor, which you may have seen on the news in February 2013, exploded above Russia. This was a 66' diameter asteroid. The light from the meteor was brighter than the Sun, and the heat of its explosion could be felt by eyewitnesses miles away. The bulk of the asteroid's explosive energy was absorbed by the atmosphere. If not absorbed, the kinetic energy would have been 26--33 times as great as that released from the atomic bomb over Hiroshima. The object was undetected before its atmospheric entry. In April, an asteroid half the size of Mt. Everest, about three miles in diameter, capable of causing negative global effects, will pass within one million miles of Earth (close by cosmic standards). It will be traveling at nearly 20,000 mph. This asteroid (number 52768 or 1998OR2), is the same order of magnitude as the one that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs and 75 per cent of the life on Earth about 66 million years ago.

Other Moon Facts:

The U.S. and many other countries are planning manned-moon landings in 2024.

The U.S. will set a space station, called Gateway, in orbit around the moon by 2028. It will provide shelter to NASA astronauts who will conduct research at various landing sites around the moon.

In the same time frame, the Chinese are expected to establish an observatory on the far side of the moon. They presently have a rover on the far side of the moon that was landed last year.

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