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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!



*Carol Ann Buttrum—146 Harmony Way
Dick & Jane Rajotte—138 Sonata Way*

BOARD REPORT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ACTIONS ITEMS – AUGUST 7, 2020

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

Board Meeting Votes

Unanimous Electronic Votes Ratified at the August 7 Meeting

Pool and Clubhouse Use Waiver: A motion was passed unanimously to approve adding the phrase “this waiver applies to COVID-19 and related illnesses only.”

Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of the Clubhouse, Pools/Spa and Amenities: A motion was passed unanimously to approve reopening the Clubhouse and Indoor Pool on **July 1, 2020**.

Exterior Modification #20-047: A motion was passed unanimously to approve emergency replacement of two leaking bathroom windows causing damage to the house interior.

Regular Board Motions

Expansion Loan Payment: A motion was approved unanimously, based on the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee, to pay off the balance of the Expansion Project loan of approximately \$65,000 due to very low interest rates received by SV for the collateral CD and money market funds versus the loan interest rate of two points over prime.

Bocce Court Refurbishment: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Operations Committee, that quotes will be sought for replacement of the wood sides and ball racks of the three courts and to power wash the concrete base and both sides of the turf.

Outdoor Pool Lighting Project: A motion was approved unanimously to hire Chuck's Electric to supply new lighting equipment and complete the installation at a cost of \$42,000. This project is mandated by the State of Maryland and Queen Anne's County to meet new safety, rescue, and evacuation requirements for the outdoor pool and the Clubhouse.

New Committee Member Appointments: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendations of the Covenants Committee and the Nominating Committee, for the addition of new committee members.

Irrigation Redesign: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, to procure bids from well maintenance companies for the hydrogeological assessment of four SV wells based upon the specifications developed in 2020 by Cardno, Inc.

Symphony Villagers & Friends: You are invited to an Estate Sale 218 Harmony Way



Estate Sale

Sat: Aug 22 9-1
Sun: Aug 23 9-1

Estate Sale

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The Roses

Clubhouse Shrubbery Restoration: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, to have Level Green proceed with replanting shrubbery in the front wing beds of the Clubhouse and landscape the perimeter around the expansion area at a cost of \$10,235.

Fall Tree Planting: A motion recommended by the Landscape and Irrigation Committee was passed four to one approving the planting of 20 common area replacement trees in various locations within Symphony Village at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Tree Maintenance: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, to provide preventative maintenance for 29 Viburnum and Bradford Pear trees in the common area that have been declining. The treatment will be provided by Bartlett Tree Experts at an approximate cost of \$4,100.

Tree Pad Removal: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape and Irrigation Committee, to correct 26 unsightly tree pads where diseased trees were removed. The pads will be properly prepared for newly planted grass to incorporate them seamlessly into the surrounding turf at an anticipated cost of \$2,500.

Replacement of Indoor Pool Glass Doors: A motion was approved unanimously, based upon the recommendation of the Operations Committee, to replace the glass panels on five indoor pool doors with broken seals using Chesapeake Mirror and Glass at a cost of \$1,950.

 **SEE HOA NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALERT ON PAGE 25!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

JIM COOKE, CHAIR
KATHLEEN SULLIVAN, VICE CHAIR
BOB NILSSON, BOARD LIAISON

The Budget & Finance Committee recommended the final payment on the Expansion Loan be paid. Approximately \$65,000 was approved by the Board and scheduled to be paid on **August 12, 2020**.



MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR
JANET LEISTER, VICE CHAIR

The Lifestyle Committee has been working very hard to come up with a variety of charitable, fun, and safe activities for the community. We are sponsoring our Third Food Drive, to benefit Haven Ministries, on **Thursday, August 20**, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Clubhouse parking lot. The food pantries are in dire need, so please check your cupboards and add a few extra items to your basket on your next shopping trip. Cash or checks made payable to Haven Ministries will also be accepted. Curious about your family history? Great news... We will be holding a Genealogy Workshop on **Thursday, September 10**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Pavilion. Please sign up early as space is limited. Information to



follow. For all you movie lovers, hold onto your hats! Movie night is coming back—date and time to follow. More fun activities in the works...stay tuned.

COVENANTS COMMITTEE

VICKI KOBER, CHAIR
MARY JO VOLPICELLI, VICE CHAIR
PAT FOX, BOARD LIAISON

The Covenants Committee Needs You!

Our Symphony Village Committees are truly the lifeblood of this village! The tremendous volunteer effort we see here makes us unique in the annals of active adult communities. Our Covenants Committee strives to handle the requests for your exterior improvements on a timely basis, but can always use more help. If you have a few hours a month and are committed to keeping our village looking as good as it does and helping to ensure that resident requests meet the appropriate architectural design and landscape criteria, you can join the Covenants Committee. You can contact the Chair, Vicki Kober, or alert management of your interest.

OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, PRESIDENT


SV Outreach was founded in Symphony Village in 2006. Our mission is to raise money in order to provide financial support to local services and support charitable organizations within Queen Anne's County.

Neighbor to Neighbor, a branch of Outreach, provides *short-term* assistance for SV residents during times of illness, disabilities, or death in their family.

SV Outreach has made many donations already this year. In April, we made an emergency donation of \$1,000 to the Backpack Program to help feed the children of the community. We also donated \$300 to UM Shore Emergency Center in Queenstown. In May, we gave \$200 to Boy Scout Troop 464 for Camp Scholarships. In June, we gave \$750 to Camp New Dawn for Grief Counseling and \$200 to Goodwill Fire Company located in Centreville. In August, we donated \$250 to the QAC Department of Emergency Services, \$200 to the QAC Arts Council, and \$200 to the QAC Historical Society.

In the months to come, Outreach will send donations to the Crossroads Community for their Dental Program, Haven Ministries Shelter, and will provide food donations for the Food Banks at Our Mother of Sorrows, Centreville United Methodist Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

We rely on our many fundraising events to provide the funds to help the needy.



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As you are aware, because of COVID-19, we have had to cancel most of our fundraising events. In order to continue to help our community, we need your help. If you would like to make a donation, we would be most appreciative. If you know of a worthy and deserving organization, please let us know. Correspondence can be sent to suecanfield20@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

Sneakers is alive and well. We have been on pause since March. Now that we know that Queen Anne's Schools will be virtual this semester, Sneakers will have to wait until the schools open to find out how we can be of assistance. However, please note that we will be using our **Giving Santa Tree** again this year to assist an abundance of families who need help purchasing holiday gifts for their children. We are working on the logistics and will let you know how this plan will work out in the near future. Since we cannot have in-person meetings, please look for email updates.

If you have suggestions, please feel free to contact Linda Farrar at email: bfarrarjr@atlanticbb.net.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR
LINDA BLUME, VICE-CHAIR

Seeking New Members

The [Terms of Reference](#) delineates the tasks of the P&C Committee. If, after reading the Terms of Reference, you would like to help, come to one of our regular meetings held on the **first Tuesday of the month** at 3 p.m.

Listed here are a few of these tasks:

- Generate and distribute the Symphony Village Newsletter to include social news, announcements of new residents, details of upcoming events, reports on past events, surrounding area events, and other items as determined by the majority vote of the committee.
- Maintain a directory of residents of Symphony Village to include name, address, telephone number(s), and e-mail address(es) (if available) and distribute the directory through the SV Website.



- Maintain and distribute an information packet to new Symphony Village residents to include information concerning the Board of Directors, the committees, club activities, a recent newsletter, and other information to be determined by the Chairperson.
- Conduct monthly committee meetings and maintain minutes of each meeting that will be provided to the Board with applicable recommendation for approval.
- Maintain the Association’s Website.

P & C Recognizes Bob Rose

At the August **Publication and Communications** meeting Bob Rose was recognized for his many years of service to the committee. Debi Wells created a Certificate of Appreciation for Bob that was given to him at the time of his recognition by the P & C Committee. Bob managed and organized the ads for the *Libretto* for several years. He also created and managed an Active Sales & Rental report for P&C. Bob and Lauren are moving out of SV. They will be missed.

Debi Wells will be managing the ads starting with the September *Libretto*.

Symphony Village Name Tag Drive

July 15 – Extended to **September 8, 2020**

Dear Neighbors,

This is a friendly reminder that we are in the middle of our SV Name Tag Sale. In addition, since we are having so much activity in property sales, we have decided to extend the time frame through Labor Day Weekend.

As you know, we will be working with a new resource who has assured me that his tags will look like our current tags. If you are interested in ordering, please follow the instructions below. *Please note that to maintain the cost of \$14 per tag (not including tax); our minimum order must be for no less than **TEN** tags.* Currently, we have **eight** sales!

TO ORDER A NAME TAG:

Clearly print this information on a piece of paper:

Name: (as you want it to appear on the name tag)

EMAIL Address: (to notify you when they come in)

Backing Choice: PIN or MAGNET

NOTE: If you have a pacemaker, you **MUST** choose a PIN backing

Make a check out to Superior Signs:

\$14.84 (includes sales tax) for one name tag;

\$ 8.48 (includes sales tax) for a duplicate of the same name.

Put both the ordering information and the check into an envelope; label the outside of the envelope “Name Tags c/o Julia Detch”; and place the sealed envelope into the black lock box in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. Questions? Contact Julia Detch (443-262-8681).



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD, PRESIDENT

If you want to brighten your day, take a walk around the Concert Hall. We have our new art show, *Pets and Wildlife*, decorating the walls. The show is uplifting and gives everyone the opportunity to get out and about for a short time. There are about 38 artistic pieces, consisting of photos, paintings, and an amazing 3-D art piece constructed and painted by Joseph Lichaa that must be seen in person.

Each show brings out new artists. New resident Len Saltiel is showing three wildlife photos printed on metal. There is something for everyone to enjoy. You will not be disappointed!

Our next show will feature Landscapes! So, get busy painting, photographing, or constructing! Our next show will be in October, exact date **TBA**. By the way, there will also be a special display on sale for the holidays!



George Drake--Aruba Beach



Peggy Decker--Still Life



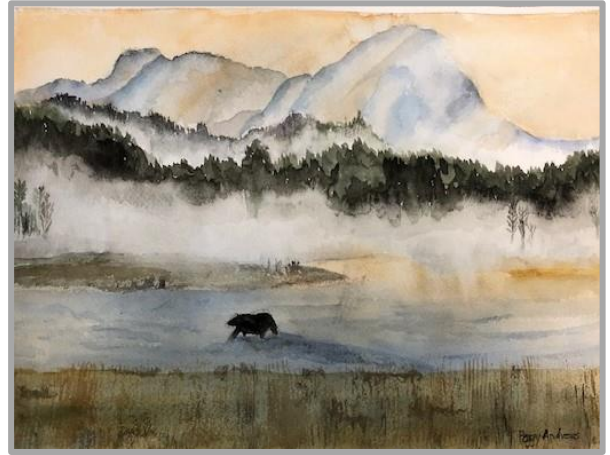
Cathy Olson--Flowers



Kathy McManus—Wild Life



Sue Canfield—Still Life



Peggy Andrews—Wild Life



Joseph Lichaa--Old House



Bonnie Griffith--Pets

ASTRONOMY CLUB

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Observing Opportunities:

The Perseid Meteor shower peaks on the nights of August 11 and 12. Even though our **SV Newsletter** comes out on August 15, you will still be able to see the Perseid meteors until around August 26. During the peak-viewing time, astronomers are predicting about 20 meteors per hour keeping in mind that the rate is pretty variable after August 12. You can expect about 10 to 15 meteors per hour. However, in 1966, reporters estimated 250,000 meteors fell throughout the night! I missed the show due to college exams; what a loss, and I didn't do all that well on the exams. These showers are caused by the Comet Swift Tuttle debris field hitting the Earth's atmosphere at 37 miles per second. The debris field is present all of the time but the Comet takes 137 years to orbit the Sun. The meteors are best viewed after midnight when Earth has turned its forward nighttime face into the debris field.





You must be less than 120 miles from the meteor to see it. Meteors become visible at an average height of 55 miles.

No shower meteor has survived its flight through the atmosphere and been recovered as a meteorite—they are too small.

The typical bright meteor is produced by a particle no larger than a pea. The shower meteors are even smaller.

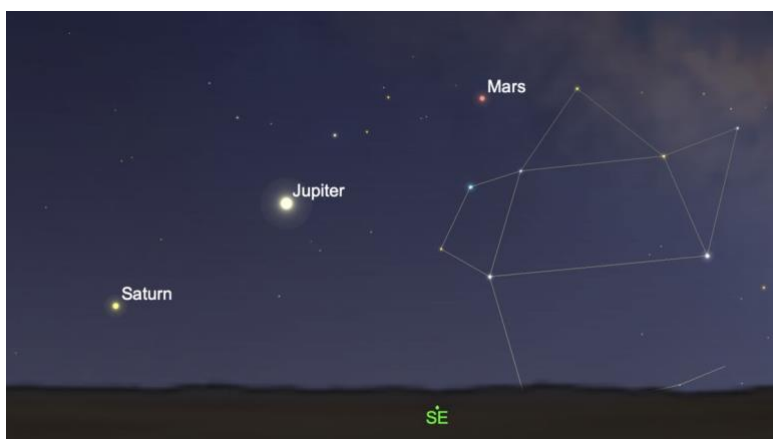
Looking ahead to mid and late

August, the sky will be filled with a lot of bright planets dancing around the moon. You will need binoculars or a small telescope to view the interesting details. Mars will shine prominently among the modest stars of Pisces in the late evening and overnight sky. In early August, Mars is up by mid to late evening, but Mars will appear later as the month progresses. Mars will continue to brighten as the months go on, heading for its conjunction in October. However, you can watch Jupiter and Saturn as darkness falls. They are near one another in the sky dome with Saturn following Jupiter westward. This meeting of Jupiter and Saturn in the *dome* is the first since 2000 and is known as a **great conjunction**. When any two planets meet, it is merely a **conjunction**. But get this, Jupiter and Saturn meet in the *dome* and this event is called a **great conjunction** because the king of planets, Jupiter and Saturn, the golden planet, meet in the dome—the closest the two have met since 1623! The next **great conjunction** will take place on **December 21, 2020**. The moon swings by the planets for several days towards the end of the month. The good news is that these two planets are high up in the sky and easy to view for those with obstructed views caused by houses or trees. Jupiter's four major moons and Saturn's rings are best viewed when they are higher in the skies.

Mars continues towards its peak during September, look for the red planet near the moon, it is best viewed after midnight. If you are an early riser look up for Venus, it will be up early and bright in the pre-dawn sky. Jupiter and Saturn will continue their chase across the sky throughout the month. If you have a telescope, now is the time to view Mercury, as it passes close to the star Spica—Virgo's brightest star and easiest to locate.

August and September are great star-gazing months weatherwise; it finally cools off in the evening. My telescope is still for sale; but before it's sold, if anyone wants to come out with me to see the skies, I'd enjoy your help and company.

"Fast Facts about Meteors," *Astronomy Magazine* 2020



BOCCE BANTER

PATTI CIPRIANO

Join in the bocce fun each **Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.** We are playing it COVID-19 safe with two player teams, wiping bocce balls between games, and wearing masks.

Bring a partner, hand sanitizer, and cold water bottles every Wednesday—weather permitting.

LUNCH BUNCH

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO, CO-CHAIRS


We are still on hold for Lunch Bunch events; however, we do look forward to lunching with our SV friends in the near future. The Lunch Bunch usually meets the first **Thursday** of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the restaurant choice of the month. We would also like to invite and meet our many new residents at our next Lunch Bunch sometime early in 2021. In the meantime, stay happy and healthy!

SYMPHONY VILLAGE PICKLEBALL

A Tribute to George Drake!

Welcome to **August 2020!** Who would have ever thought that 16 months ago Pickleball would have started in Symphony Village! Back in March and April of 2019, a very special resident in Symphony Village took the initiative to engage a teacher of Chesapeake Community College to come to our community to provide some lessons and training for this crazy, fun, exploding sport. This month's **Libretto** article is a tribute to our one and only **George Drake**.

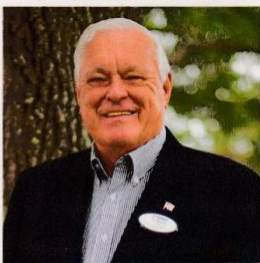
Upon encouraging the community, many of our Symphony Village residents took an immediate liking to the game. George continued to encourage those folks and to gain the interest of more villagers; then he




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FREE ESTIMATES

managed to convince the Board of Directors to approve the request for two mobile pickleball nets and some balls to put out on the tennis courts. George also took the time and initiative to lay taped lines for the regulation courts so we could begin to play. And so, the games began! Once the sport took off, the Board approved the permanent painted lines on the pickleball courts that we see today. We would not be where we are at this time without George's enthusiasm for this fun and fully energetic game...*thank you George for bringing life to the village, along with smiles and laughs each week.* Your dedication, time, and research are appreciated more than we can say!

We've had as many as 14 people come out on a single day. We have our true-blue players who faithfully show up on scheduled days (thank you folks...you know who you are!). New residents who already know how to play the game often come out to join us; they are thrilled that we have this sport available in our community.

As I've said many times, the laughs, energy, exercise, and camaraderie of the sport makes each day special for those of us who play. If you don't want to play but just want to observe, please feel free to come out one morning and sit on the new benches and watch! I guarantee you will be thoroughly entertained!

So, in closing this month, we say **A HUGE THANK YOU** to George Drake for making something come to life in our beautiful Symphony Village!

It's Pickleball Quiz Time!

1. What does 9-1-1 mean in pickleball?
 - a. Make an emergency call.
 - b. Serving side SCORE is 9; receiving side SCORE is 1; serving side is Server #1.
 - c. All of the above.

ANSWER: c

One hopes we never have to dial 911, but we are always vigilant with our players should an emergency arise! Answer b. is actually the real answer in relation to pickleball scoring. Scoring is the most difficult part of the game. When stating the score, the serving side always states their score first, the receiver's side score second, and whether they are server #1 or #2 for their own side.

2. What does the term ***Stay Out of the Kitchen!*** mean?
 - a. Something your mother always told you as a child.
 - b. An area on the court you should be aware of that you may NOT hit the ball unless it bounces first.
 - c. What your wife tells you while she is fixing dinner.

ANSWER: b

The kitchen is the marked-off area nearest the net. You can be in the kitchen but cannot hit the ball while standing in there unless the ball bounces first; if you do, it's a foul and a lost serve. Thus, it is better to stay out of the kitchen!

Scheduled Play Times in Symphony Village

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9 a.m.

As always, you can gather a group of your fellow SV friends and play on the courts during unscheduled play times. Due to COVID-19, the courts are only open to SV residents at this time. Whatever it is that you choose to do, enjoy your August in our beautiful Symphony Village!



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READING FOR FUN—

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on **July 21** to discuss *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard. Zooming together were visions of Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim and Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, Kathleen Sullivan, Celia Love, JoAnn Walker, Pat McManus, Peggy Decker, Mary Jo Volpicelli, and Charlotte Kurst.

This month's book selection follows the expedition of Teddy Roosevelt (TR) to the Amazon Basin and was filled with fascinating details of the latter stages of TR's life, while also providing insight into one of the most remote areas on earth.



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The book begins following TR's defeat as a third-party candidate in the 1912 presidential election. The story of the Bullmoose party and his resounding defeat by Woodrow Wilson is a delicious morsel that whetted our appetite for the rest of the story. But the driving narrative is TR's lifelong need to seek imposing physical challenges as an antidote to setbacks in his life. He built his physical prowess out of a sickly childhood and became famous for his adventures, ranging from big game hunting and cattle ranching to charging up San Juan Hill.

TR was also a prodigious reader and enthusiastic naturalist. The Amazon Basin had long held his interest and the opportunity for an expedition presented itself not long after his election defeat. TR saw this as just the adventure to pull him out of his funk. He was easily recruited to headline a South American tour which would include mapping the unexplored tributary of the Amazon River, known as the *River of Doubt*.

The expedition was organized by the American Museum of Natural History and attracted an eclectic collection of some of the best-known explorers of the day. Unfortunately, most had little knowledge of the Amazon and the planning suffered as a result. However, Colonel Candido Rondon, a Brazilian who had brought the telegraph to the region, signed on to co-lead the expedition and provided much needed expertise about the Amazon. Additionally, TR's son Kermit was working in South America and decided to accompany and watch his father, whose health was not as robust as in his younger years.

The book incorporates many interesting subplots, including TR's adversarial relationship with South Americans due to his expansion of the Monroe Doctrine (the Roosevelt Corollary.) TR's tour of South America and month-long trip overland to the headwaters of the River of Doubt are an adventure of their own. Descriptions of the plant and animal life of the Amazon were eye-opening to say the least. I never understood why the Amazon was so much more remote than Africa, for example; but the early formation of the continents helps explain the conundrum. The Cinta Larga Indians were an unseen but constant threat to the expedition and remained a mystery to the outside world until contact was established almost 50 years later.

In addition to the Cinta Larga, the expedition was threatened by piranha, snakes, caimans, whitewater rapids, malaria, and starvation. The descriptions of the Amazon jungle are enlightening and the descriptions of the animals frightening. While much attention is devoted to the well-known piranha, the men of the Book Club lost some sleep when learning of the candiru. This tiny form of catfish survives on blood and enters the body through any orifice. In the case of one in particular, the fish can only be removed by amputation. (I'm not

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talking about a leg!) Kathleen particularly enjoyed reading about the tiny insects that were attracted to men's eyeballs. Yuck!

Nonetheless, the expedition pressed forward surviving loss of boats and supplies to innumerable whitewater rapids, a murder within their own ranks and TR being driven to the brink of suicide. The perseverance to overcome these odds was remarkable, and they eventually made it to the Amazon with the help of seringueiros (rubber tappers) living at the edge of civilization. The Book Club enjoyed the book immensely and felt the author was particularly adept at turning the myriad of details from a boring description of a scientific exploration into a scintillating adventure story. The Club awarded it a score of 8.55 out of 10.

Upcoming books are listed below. We plan to continue meeting virtually, using Zoom technology until normalcy returns. Invitations will be sent directly to those wishing to attend. If you wish to participate contact me at: sikes.withers@yahoo.com

August 18—*The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett

September 15—*The Deep South* by Paul Theroux

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BOB HARDY – CENTREVILLE’S VISIONARY AND NEIGHBOR-TO-NOTE

DEBI WELLS, P&C MEMBER

Have you ever driven into the heart of our town and wondered about the lack of sightseers and day-trippers? Well, so has Bob Hardy! Located at the head of the Corsica River, our town has a diversity of restaurants, a brewery, a relaxing waterfront wharf, walkable trails, and architecturally beautiful 1700s homes and buildings. So, Bob wants to know: What is the reason people are not stopping to see Historic Centreville? Developing Historic Centreville as a *destination* is important to Bob, and he has ideas to support and encourage our business community. Most of all, he has the positivity and enthusiasm to have others *catch his vision*.

Have you ever attended our town’s terrific Christmas Parade, July 4 Fireworks, Christmas House Tour, or other fun events? They’re family enjoyment at its best. However, Bob wants to know: What is the reason why we don’t have at least two events monthly for local residents and visitors? Partnering with Queen Anne’s County Chamber of Commerce to improve tourism, with a priority on maintaining family-oriented values and a small-town feel, is also among Bob Hardy’s personal goals—if elected to serve on the Centreville town Council.

With Bob’s background, it’s anticipated he’ll achieve his goals. He’s been working with people, groups, and organizations to achieve positive objectives and results for a lifetime. He’s also more than familiar with planning, budgeting, and contracting multi-million-dollar contracts. Additionally, he has a broad background in marketing and program development. He worked principally for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)—David Taylor Model Basin in research and development. Just as important, over the years Bob worked with colleges and local schools to provide career counseling and support to students, encouraging them to become involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

Bob’s trademark is P4I: Professional, Proactive, Personable, and Persistent with Integrity. Throughout his work career, primarily as a civilian working for the U.S. Navy and as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves, Bob has spent a lifetime fostering relationships among people and professionals at all levels of management, educators, and students. Through many of Symphony Village’s Committees, he has enjoyed friendships and



is always gathering ideas. According to Bob, he achieves personal and professional fulfillment through positive thinking, by listening to learn.

Recently, Bob decided to run for the Centreville Town Council to help all residents of Centreville. He made this decision based on encouragement from his Symphony Village friends and neighbors, as well as many residents and the business community of Centreville. He is looking forward to serving the citizens of Centreville and will make his decisions based on facts with a reasonable, rational, and logical approach to issues, problems, and needs of the Centreville community. He understands the financial issues and knows he has a responsibility to do what is best for the greater good of Centreville. He plans to use his ideas and passion to improve communications with the communities and business owners and apply his fresh ideas to invigorate our town. With Bob's enthusiasm and experience, he'll be a positive influence! We wish Bob all the best in this newest endeavor.

Bob Hardy and his wife, Debbie, have been friendly, contributing neighbors for our community for many years. We appreciate all they have done through the many Symphony Village committees. We wish Bob the best on **Monday, October 5!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Town of Centreville Election—Monday, October 5!

In 2019 the Town of Centreville increased its Town Council from three to five members. Town Council members each serve a three-year term. Voters may submit their ballots in person at the Vincit Center (110 Vincit Street, across from the Acme Market), in Centreville. Or, all voters may vote by mail. To obtain a ballot to vote by mail please contact Carolyn Brinkley, Town Clerk, at 410-758-1180 or by email at: cbrinkley@townofcentreville.org. Your vote is important!



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MARYLAND'S SEVEN MEDICAL EVACUATION HELICOPTERS -- WHICH WILL BE ELIMINATED?

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR
ARTICLE BY DEBI WELLS



The SV CERT wants you to know: The decision to close one of Maryland's seven strategically located medical evacuation (medevac) bases and sell its helicopter has been made. This budget cut was proposed by the Department of Budget and Management, and approved by the Board of Public Works (Governor, Comptroller, and Treasurer). It will require the Board of Public Works to reverse this decision.



Hoist of 10-year-old girl from Sugarloaf Mountain, Frederick

Please do not be confused if you hear someone say, No decision to close a base has been made. Instead, the only decision that has not yet been made is *which* medevac base will be closed and its helicopter sold.

Trooper 6, located at the Easton Airport, is the medevac helicopter (with its pilots, paramedics, and state-of-the-art equipment) that serves critically ill patients in Queen Anne’s, Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties, and serves Anne Arundel County when needed. Trooper 6 has landed in Symphony Village many times, according to George Drake and Pat Kindle. There are *only* seven strategically located medevac stations within the State of Maryland. According to Don Hawkins, (President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Maryland Union Local that represents the civilian employees in the Maryland State Police): No Maryland medevac base and its helicopter are expendable.

A basing study is anticipated to be completed by September to justify which medevac will be closed. According to Mr. Hawkins: “Our position is that no base should shut down as they all provide overlapping coverage for the residents of the State.” The seven medevac bases/helicopters, each called a ‘Trooper,’ are located in Maryland accordingly: Trooper 1: Baltimore; Trooper 2: Washington County; Trooper 3: Frederick; Trooper 4: Salisbury; Trooper 5: Cumberland; Trooper 6: Easton; Trooper 7: Southern Maryland.

To save Trooper 6, the Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team requests you to please sign the online petition: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/savetrooper6>.

To save all 7 troopers, please write to the three Board of Public Works members to reverse their decision to close a base and sell its helicopter:

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100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401-1925
Phone: 410-974-3901
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Email: pfranchot@comp.state.md.us

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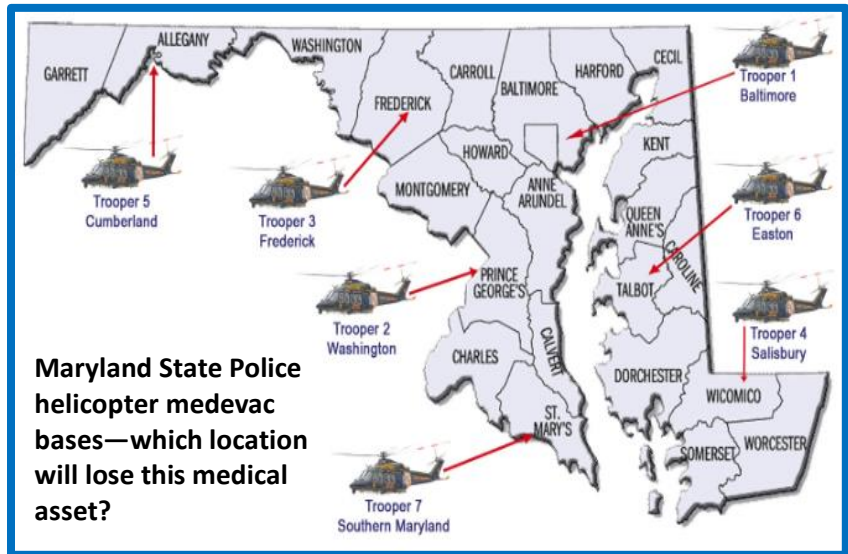
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From a fully autopilot coupled hover, Maryland's medevac Troopers have the ability to send a Rescue Technician/Paramedic to the ground to assist in medical care and prepare a victim for hoist. Each Trooper also has a highly capable day/night infrared camera that has proven to be extremely accurate in locating missing children, elderly patients, lost hikers, distressed boats, and fleeing criminals. Additionally, each Trooper has a state-of-the-art Global Positioning (Navigation) System with a moving map display and a terrain avoidance system that is fully integrated with the aircraft's four-axis autopilot system. (This system is comparable to modern airliners and is capable of autonomous flight through a full-instrument approach to a runway or a hospital landing pad.) Finally, each Trooper is staffed by two experienced pilots, affording the Maryland State Paramedics and passengers maximum protection from single pilot errors, disorientation, medical incapacitation, or task saturation during complex missions. Each Trooper team provides the ability to seamlessly transition between law enforcement, to medevac, to search and rescue, or aerial hoisting. Can we lose even one of these seven assets to budget cuts?



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be an adult child, a neighbor, or another loved one. The alternate will then be encouraged to check on the older adult program participant. The failure of the participant and alternate to answer will result in a call to your local non-emergency service. You can register for [Senior Call Check](#) online.

We recommend all seniors use the program as a resource during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Senior Call Check phone lines are open M-F 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. During these hours, seniors can call toll-free 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560).

OTHER RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

[Ready.gov/seniors](https://www.ready.gov/seniors) is another emergency planning website for seniors.

You can also contact Joseph Cichocki locally at the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Management Services, by email at Jcichocki@qac.org or on the telephone at 410-758-4500, Extension 1119.

LETTERS FROM YOUR GRANDCHILD

DEBI WELLS, P&C MEMBER

As the situation around COVID-19 continues to evolve, we are all making necessary changes to face the challenge. What hasn't changed is our need to have a relationship with our grandchildren. If you have young grandchildren, like my husband and me, it's difficult. To be with them is to want to hug them, and unfortunately that's just not a good idea, temporarily. FaceTime and Zoom are ways to spend time together, and there's a more lasting way!

Wouldn't it be enjoyable to get mail from your grandchildren? With so many schools and sports temporarily adapting to the times, now is a great time to initiate the art of letter writing. With young children the words and paragraphs may not flow; however, is that important to us? No! Instead, we have the opportunity to

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develop an insight into their thoughts, their ideas—all on paper to keep as a memory of their childhood! The letter writing may even encourage them to write more as adults, or not (lol).

For many people (adults and children), writing is not a calling; instead, it is work. In the book, *Authentic Happiness*, Martin Seligman offers various frameworks through which we might think it a good reason to work: a job (something to suffer through to get to our real lives); a career (something to advance through to get recognition); or a calling (something you believe will contribute to the world). At ages 3, 8, and 10, it's doubtful any of these classifications (job, career, calling) apply. So, how do I encourage my grandchildren to work, I mean "write"?

I purchased a box of note cards for each grandchild! I've already put my address on all of the envelopes and applied a postage stamp. I thought of questions for each child, with their unique interests and personality in mind, and have handwritten one question on each note card. Hopefully, the questions will inspire them! Most importantly, I've let each child know how much it means to me to have them take the time to send me their letters. Time will tell if this is a waste of postage stamps. That said, even if I receive only one letter, I will consider this effort a success!

FRIDAY NIGHT ICE CREAM TREATS

Look for an old-fashioned ice cream cart with the blue and white umbrella, filled with individually wrapped, chilly treats sponsored by Ed Beres, RE/MAX executive! Masks required. Remember to social distance when lining up and socializing with your neighbors.

Date: Friday, August 21, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Location:** The corner of Bravo & Taylor Mill.

A VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

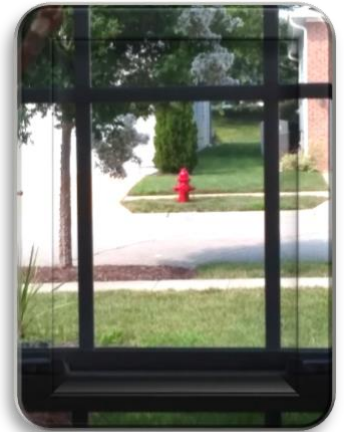
MARYKAY KERR

On a recent Saturday, I went into my studio, opened the blinds, and settled in for the afternoon. As I sat at my sewing machine, I looked out the window. There across the street a gentleman had spread a tarp around the base of the fire hydrant and was proceeding to cover up the rust-looking hydrant with a coat of bright, shiny red paint.

After watching him meticulously spray around the hydrant, I took a bottle of cold water out to him to help with the heat. He politely declined saying he had plenty of water in his car.

I mentioned that fire hydrants were a part of my life since my Dad had been a career firefighter. He asked where my Dad was a firefighter, and I told him Dad had been at various stations in the District of Columbia and in Prince George's County. He asked what my Dad's name was. When I told him, he chuckled. He knew my Dad! As our conversation continued, we were both rattling off names and locations that were familiar to both of us.

It was a wonderful walk down memory lane. Thanks, Mr. Tom Burton, for the memories and for making our neighborhood a little brighter.



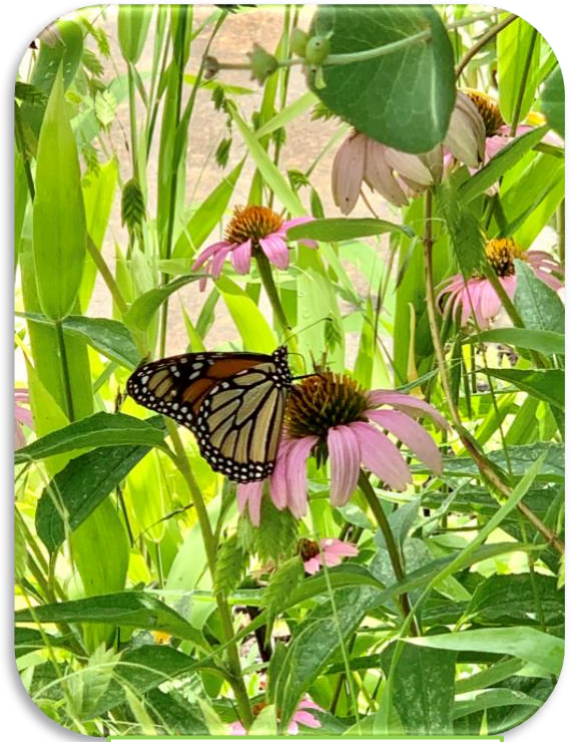
WANDERING MIGRANTS

BETTY McATEE

Have you spotted one (or more) of these beautiful creatures in Symphony Village this year?

Your chances are better if you include native milkweed (common, swamp, butterfly weed) in your garden. This plant is the ONLY food source for monarch larvae. It contains a poison harmless to them, but protects them from most predators. Adult monarchs in the mid-Atlantic region can feed on a variety of flowering plants for nectar including Black-Eyed Susan, Purple Coneflower, Narrow-leaf Sunflower, Aster, Goldenrod, Blazing Star, and Ironweed. Native nectar plants are preferred because they are best adapted to the local soils and climate.

Sensitive to freezing temperatures, monarchs must migrate and overwinter in warmer climates. Those butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains begin their fall migration after storing enough fat produced from nectar consumption. Their sources of nectar are in nectar corridors along the route in their journey south to the central highlands of Mexico. This trip can take up to eight months! In late winter, early spring, as the days get longer, these same adult monarchs begin their return northern migration, the females laying eggs along the way. They produce as many as three to five generations of monarchs before



Female Monarch—Photo by Betty McAtee

reaching their destination. The very old (and worn-out) migrant adults die off, and new generations flourish through the spring and summer months.

The attached photo was taken this summer in my yard on July 23. This female monarch likely began her life sometime during the previous ten weeks. The entire life cycle of a monarch from egg to adult is approximately four weeks, while adults live from two to six weeks

Serious decline of monarchs in North America is in part due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change. But, there's still hope for these incredible creatures. If we collectively plant more native milkweed plants in our gardens, along with appropriate nectar plants, Symphony Village could become a monarch sanctuary and stepping stone in that nectar corridor for successful migration.

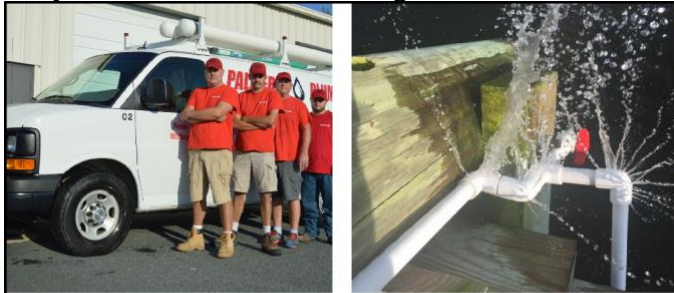
RESTAURANT REVIEW

PAT FOX

EL DORADO BAR & GRILL – MEXICAN RESTAURANT— 201 Marlboro Avenue, Easton—Telephone: 410-820-4002

I love Mexican food! After living in Colorado for many years, Mexican food became my top choice for ethnic cuisine. El Dorado has the best Mexican food that I sampled in our region. It is authentic in every way, starting with the available choices, the tastes, the ingredients, and the employees. (I tried out my smattering of high school Spanish on the waitstaff with some success.)

They make fabulous tableside guacamole, have wonderful cheese enchiladas



with a choice of red or green salsa (I get both), terrific chili rellenos, and the best tasting steak fajitas

Howie has had in a long time. Their corn chips are authentic and superb—fresh out of the oven as are their flour tortillas. The menu gives you the opportunity to choose from a variety of sides and platters.

They have a full bar including Mexican and local draft beers and a red Sangria that will give you your daily dose of fruit with plenty of wine and brandy—you will know that you paid for an alcoholic drink.

In the pandemic age, they do a great job with table spacing and, of course, masks required to and from your table and the restroom. Lastly, I love the décor—lots of brightly colored wall-hanging ceramics, paintings, and interesting black and white photos of Mexican film stars from the old days.

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[Our Daily Thread Thrift Store](#) (425 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville, near Cracker Barrel within a small strip mall) collects donations of clothing and small household items from the community and sells them at deeply discounted prices. Revenue from sales goes to Haven Ministries. The Store also gives away free items to those in need in QAC. Donations are welcomed and accepted by appointment, **Wednesday** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and **Thursday – Saturday** (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.); please call 410-353-0455.

[Hope Warehouse](#) (6527 Friels Road, Queenstown) provides deeply discounted prices on donated furniture, appliances, and construction items (a list of items is on the website). Revenue from sales goes to Haven Ministries, and the Warehouse assists neighbors in need with furniture and appliances. Hope Warehouse is collecting food donations and accepts donations of furniture and appliances by appointment, **Wednesday – Saturday**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; please call 410-490-8498 or email hopewarehouse@haven-ministries.com.

[Art For Your Home](#) is a new program to provide original artwork to people making the transition from homelessness (or living in a shelter) to permanent housing. When money is tight, buying artwork is probably

a low priority. Artwork is provided to clients at no cost. To make a donation or for more information, contact Phil Stapleton, marganphil@gmail.com.

The [Emergency Food Pantry](#) (206 Del Rhodes Avenue, Queenstown, behind Royal Farms) operates **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday**, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and **Tuesday**, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Volunteers are always needed—contact Christine Perkins, Food Pantry Coordinator, 443-988-1183, Christine@haven-ministries.com. A Pop-Up Food Pantry is also held at Old Sudlersville Middle School once a month.

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Click here for our course catalog: [WC-ALL Fall 2020](#).

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SV NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALERT!

Toward the end of this year, the SV Board of Directors will have at least three vacancies. The nominating process will begin with a formal *Call for Nominations* from the SV Community. Please consider nominating yourself or an SV resident that you feel would be an excellent candidate for these important positions. The process will continue throughout the next few months, with homeowner voting in November. The election results will be announced at the December HOA Annual Board Meeting on **Wednesday, December 2**. Residents will be updated throughout the process. Complete details will appear in the September edition of the Libretto.

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