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## SYMPHONY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



Mike and Marla Mooney  
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## 2020 HOA BOD

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**SV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT**

### Symphony Village Board Action Items—September 25

**Unanimous Electronic Vote Ratified at the September 25 Meeting:**

- **Change to Board Meeting Date:** A unanimous email vote was taken to change the SV Board meeting date from Friday, September 18, to Friday, September 25, at 6 p.m. due to the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. The electronic vote was ratified and approved unanimously.

**Regular Board Motions:**

- **2021 Draft Budget:** A motion was unanimously approved to send the draft 2021 budget, as recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee, to homeowners for their review and comment.

**Early Voting Sites**  
**October 26 - November 2,**  
**7 a.m.-8 p.m.**  
**Kennard Elementary**  
**KIVFD**

- **Snow Removal Contract:** A motion was unanimously carried to approve the snow removal contract for 2021 with Chester River Landscaping with pricing proposed on a unit cost basis for labor, equipment, and materials as in previous years.
- **Pool Maintenance Contract:** A motion was unanimously carried, based upon the recommendation of the Operations Committee, to approve the 2021 contract with Anchor Aquatics at a cost of \$23,370.

**Interim Rules & Regulation Update:** A motion to accept the revised Interim Rules & Regulations was approved unanimously. Per the revisions—residents will be responsible for cleaning/sanitizing furniture and equipment before and after use on weekends and holidays using only the wipes provided (other household cleaners or sanitizers should not be used without consulting with management). Any furniture or equipment used should remain marked with a pink ribbon until staff returns.

- **Common Area Aeration and Overseeding:** Unanimously approved a motion, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape & Irrigation Committee, for \$4,147 to be used for common area aeration and overseeding by Level Green with work to be done before October 15.
- **Tree Pruning:** Unanimously approved a motion, based upon the recommendation of the Landscape & Irrigation Committee, to begin a routine tree pruning program beginning this winter by pruning 60 trees in Priority 1, 2, and 3 of the proposed program at a cost of \$5,500 with work to be done by Bartlett Tree Experts.
- **Parking Lot Asphalt:** Following a request from the Operations Committee, the Board unanimously approved a motion to request a proposal from McCrone Engineering to evaluate the current condition of the two Clubhouse parking lots at a price not to exceed \$6,000. This assessment should include taking core samples to document the thickness of the gravel and asphalt layers. It should also provide for parking lot openings (test pits) to investigate obvious utility settling. All openings will be returned to useful condition. The final report will include all findings and appropriate repair/replace recommendations.
- **Clubhouse Drainage:** Unanimously approved a motion, based upon the recommendation of the Operations Committee, to approve drainage work in locations 2, 3, and 4 as presented in Level Green’s proposal at a cost of \$3,908 so that the Clubhouse shrubbery refurbishment project can proceed.
- **CFG Bank CD:** Unanimously approved a motion, based upon the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee, to roll over the \$200,000 CFG Bank CD (current rate 0.08%) or purchase a \$200,000 3-year CD from United Texas Bank (current rate 1.05%), whichever rate is the highest on 10/23/2020 when the CD matures.

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## Symphony Village Board of Director's Electronic Vote, October 9

**Outside Amenities – Children's Play Area:** The SV Board unanimously approved an electronic vote to allow usage by outsiders of the children's play area only when accompanied by a resident. This change is now included in the Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of the Clubhouse, Pools/Spa and Amenities and will be ratified at the October 23, 2020 regular Board meeting.

## SYMPHONY VILLAGE 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**JANE ROMANY, CHAIR**

The Candidates listed below will be running for the three positions on the Board of Directors.

Laura Bittinger

Karen Kram

Bill Ridgway

Skip Kornmeyer

Bob Nilsson

Debi Wells

Beginning on page 17 there are Candidate Information Forms for each candidate with their background.

**On Tuesday, October 27 there will be a Zoom Meet the Candidates at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, October 29 there will be a second Zoom Meet the Candidates at 6:30 p.m.**

All the information regarding Zoom will be sent to you via email Zoom.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### ARTISANS GUILD

**SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR**

#### Small Works Art Show & Sale Peggy Decker

- **Time:** Will run from **October 28—November 25**. A great place to find original holiday gifts
- **Place:** Symphony Village Concert Hall
- **ALL** items may also be seen in a slide show posted on the SV Website
- Sales will be made directly with each Artisan (via phone, etc.)
- Drop-off date for **All** artwork: **October 26, 10—11 a.m.** at the Concert Hall.

**\* Covid-19 guidelines will be followed at all times**

#### Let's Bring Out Your Inner SPIRIT(s)! Sue Canfield

We need to add some excitement for our community during these dull days at home. Let's get creative! Let's spruce up the neighborhood with PUMPKINS! Carvers can carve! Painters can paint! Sewers can sew! Place your pumpkin(s) out for all to enjoy anytime during the month, but we can concentrate on the last week of the month, October 25—31.





**Bugs!**

Bill Wells

The Landscape and Irrigation Committee thought this month’s article should be informative and fun. So, we decided to highlight some of the beautiful and beneficial insects that have been identified throughout Symphony Village this past summer. Since they will not harm your gardens, they may even make you smile!

**The Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)**

This brightly colored caterpillar is found on milkweed. That’s all they eat. They will not harm the plants in your gardens. They aren't too hard to spot, with their bright stripes of black, white, and yellow. At both ends of their body (thorax and abdomen) are pairs of black tentacles. The milkweed that monarchs feed on is protected by having poisonous sap, which in turn makes the monarch caterpillar poisonous to any potential predators. Pretty good defense! But don’t be alarmed, they don’t sting and although they are very delicate you can handle them, just be careful. As you can see they are brightly colored and turn into one of the most beautiful and popular of all butterflies—the Monarch Butterfly.



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**The Eastern Hercules Beetle (*Dynastes tityus*)**





This bug is one of the largest bugs in the United States. It easily reaches 2" to 4 ½" long and is heavy. The one pictured is male. Its horns are used in battles between rival males competing for a mate. The female looks just like him, but without the horns. Their mating may take up to fifty minutes.

Although it looks menacing, it's not. It's slow and cumbersome and is usually only seen at night. It lives in and near decaying tree roots and trunks where it aids in the decomposition of fallen trees, although this one decided to visit our pool patio. Maybe all the beautiful women drew him there?

### **The Black and Yellow Garden Spider (*Argiope aurantia*)**

This spider has been spotted in a few gardens this year. She is considered one of the largest spiders in Maryland, growing up to two inches long. She is three to five times the size of the males. The stabilimentum, or that zig zag web in the center of her web is distinct to this spider. It actually reinforces her web so when larger insects are caught, she doesn't have to constantly rebuild her web. When it's time to mate, the smaller male will build his web right inside hers. Not too close though! Then, at that special moment, he gently plucks her web strands to get her attention. These spiders catch many larger insects that typically harm our gardens, so please don't hurt it. It's a gardener's friend!



### **The Velvet Ant or Fire Ant (*Dasymutilla occidentalis*)**



Velvet ants look like large hairy ants, but they are actually wasps. Also known as a cow killer they differ from ants in having only a slight constriction between the thorax and abdomen, and they have straight antennae rather than elbowed. It's native to the eastern United States, but not commonly seen. The females are smaller than the males and lack wings. Velvet ants are not aggressive and will try to escape when encountered. The females will emit a squeaking sound when they are in danger and will give a powerful sting. Only the females have stingers. So, if you see a male gathering nectar from a flower, he is harmless. When

mating time comes, the larger males will size up the females and take his choice. So intimate that it cannot be described here! But, once the female regains her composure, she searches for a place to deposit her egg. She looks for mature larvae of other solitary ground dwelling insects such as cicadas, wasps, bees, and ants. She will forcibly enter these ground nests to place her egg beside its larval victim. When the egg hatches, the young consume their nearby hosts and emerge as new velvet ants. So, if you are lucky enough to see this mesmerizing bright red streak of a velvet ant, keep your distance! However, have no fear, for this cow killer comes in peace.

Anita Gruss  
Manager



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## Eastern Cicada Killer Wasp (Sphecius speciosus)



The eastern cicada killer wasp is an enormous wasp that is often mistaken for the Giant Asian hornet or murder hornet. But, the adult eastern cicada-killer wasps are ½" -1 ¾" long, smaller than the 2' long murder hornet. The one pictured is 1 ¾" long. In addition, the eastern cicada killer's stripes are bright yellow and its murder hornet's stripes are orange, and its head is a distinct orange. This fearsome looking wasp is actually quite harmless. They are found east of the Rocky Mountains. These wasps are extremely nonaggressive and can actually be handled if you are gentle.

Following a rather bland mating ritual, the females begin searching for a suitable place to dig their burrows. Their favorite sites are embankments and under sidewalks. The female digs the 10-inch-deep burrows with an open area in the back large enough for individual cicadas. The female then hunts for cicadas in trees and then visually captures them in midair. She will lay one egg in a cell with one, two, or three cicadas, then seals the chamber. The young feed on the cicadas and then spin a cocoon where they remain until the following summer when they emerge. The males will defend their territories, usually containing one or more nests of females, by flying into other insects, but they go around people. The males do not have stingers which accounts for this unusual way they defend their nests. These beneficial insects will really be needed next summer when the 17-year cicadas emerge and inundate our community. So, if you are lucky enough to see them, don't harm them. They are our friends!

Please remember, when using insecticides use the ones made especially for the specific insect you're dealing with. Products like Sevin kill every insect regardless of whether it is beneficial or beautiful. The 17-year cicadas (locust) will be here this spring! Called Brood X, they are coming! Please protect those cicada killers and velvet ants, we're going to need them!

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**JOE SIKES, CHAIR; KAREN KRAM, VICE CHAIR**

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 & Irrigation Committee and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Since the Covid-19 crisis, we have started to meet virtually using ZOOM technology.




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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**JOE SIKES, CHAIR; KAREN KRAM, VICE CHAIR (CONT.)**

Operations held a virtual committee meeting on September 17. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 15**. SV management will send out an invitation for residents wishing to attend.

At our last meeting, the Committee accepted a proposal from Level Green to fix three drainage spouts on the expansion side of the Clubhouse. The Board of Directors subsequently approved this action which will allow commencement of plantings arranged by the Landscape & Irrigation Committee. Proposals to fix drainage issues around the rest of the Clubhouse are being reviewed for possible action in early 2021. Replacement of damaged sidewalk on Harmony Way and Encore Court will be done by Mid Shore Masonry and Construction. Their proposal was accepted by the committee and approved by the Board.

The Committee discussed planning for replacement/repair of the Clubhouse parking lots and requested permission to seek input from concrete companies. The Board of Directors subsequently decided to fund an engineering firm to assess the condition of our parking lots. This expert input will guide our planning.

A list of contractors for replacement of the borders on the Bocce courts, previously approved by the Board of Directors, was provided to management following our meeting. Proposals will be sought to accomplish the work. Lastly, the committee will be walking the community to update our sidewalk survey. This will provide a template for improvements in 2021.

We have an awesome community, and we are committed to keeping it that way.



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## SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

We have been busy planning for the end of the year. We donated four Chromebooks to Centreville Elementary School. They are the laptop of choice in most schools and therefore hard to find.



George Drake created a new logo for Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. Here it is!

### Update on OUTREACH Gift Cards for 12th Annual Food Drive – Loretta Quigley

Dear Neighbors, Thank you so much for your positive response to the change in this year's 12th Annual OUTREACH Food Drive. Due to the pandemic, we will NOT collect food items this year, but instead will launch a gift card initiative.

In order to contribute, though, *you* don't need to purchase gift cards. Starting **Sunday, November 8**, and concluding **Friday, November 13**, we will collect your check (for whatever amount in \$10 increments that you are comfortable giving). We will consolidate the funds in order to purchase the gift cards. Our goal is to buy 200 (or more) gift cards from Acme and Food Lion that will be given to QAC Social Services and the local food banks to allow them to help their clients with their Thanksgiving needs.



There will be a collection box outside the front door of the Quigley home, 509 Symphony Way. Please make your checks out to S.V.O.P.I. for the amount you feel comfortable gifting. If you would rather have your check picked up, please phone Loretta at 410-758-6775 or email her at [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com).

We are so grateful for your help, and as always, Social Services is grateful for our partnership in this annual effort.

## PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR

### Wanted: A Person or Two Interested in Editing (Curation) of the SV Website

As you can imagine, maintaining a website is a huge endeavor. However, it could be a smaller job if there were many hands. We are looking for one or more volunteers to keep a page or pages of the SV Website up to date. Squarespace provides online editing tools that can be mastered by anyone who has skill in document editing. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or Bill Ridgway at 443-262-8217.

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## Subscription to eBlast

Some residents are not receiving the eBlasts that come out announcing important events with the Clubhouse, irrigation, landscaping, etc. Recently Bill Ridgway changed the subscription form on the SV Website and it seems to be working better. So, if you haven't been getting eBlasts, please take the time to go to the [Directory](#) page and fill out the Subscription Form again. If you still do not get them, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or email at [lhodges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lhodges@atlanticbb.net).

## **SNEAKERS**

Sneakers has been quite active during September. We contributed six new Chromebooks to Centreville Elementary School and have more on order, thanks to your generous donations. Since they are not a Title 1 school, there is a need for Chromebooks for the very young students. These Chromebooks run about \$200-\$250 per item and are very hard to find. You cannot believe how excited they were when we delivered the first five. As the principal said, "If I could do a cartwheel right here, I would."

We are also busy getting ready for our annual Adopt a Family for the Holidays. As you can imagine, there is a tremendous need in the county this year. The counselors are getting their lists ready for us and will be sending their list of families to us by the end of the month. We will let you know how to pick up your tags in early November. If you would rather donate money this year, that is fine. We will do the shopping for you. We have already received our first donation.

I was in contact with Queen Anne's County Social Services last week, and they made a point to say that the residents of Symphony Village always help where needed in the area and how grateful they and the schools are for all our help. As I am sure you have heard, we will not have our gala fundraiser this year. Thank you in advance for your help.

**LINDA FARRAR, CHAIR**



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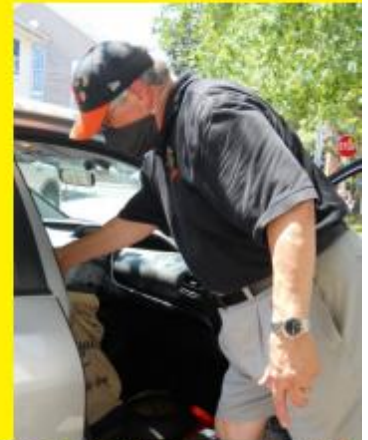
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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

### BOCCE BANTER

### PATRICIA CIPRIANO



October brings the last of the SV open bocce season. Thank you to Tony Cipriano who assumed the role of head organizer once held by Don Rizzo. Also, thank you to Karen Kram who is heading up the bocce court renovation proposal. Most definitely, the biggest thank you goes to the loyal bocce enthusiasts who played weekly: Amy and Jay Landen, Rene and Bud Burgan, Karen and Brad Kram, Jack Leister, and Tony Cipriano. Several SV residents have also stopped by to play throughout the season. Hoping you all come back to play when we resume on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

### CERT John Olson, CERT Coordinator

### CERT-Sponsored Hands-On Fire Extinguisher Demo Debi Wells, Vice Chair

Think a fire won't happen to you, think again. It could! According to the National Safety Council, one home fire is reported every 86 seconds. It's important to remember--not all fires are created equal! What works to extinguish one fire can sometimes fan the flames





of another. Scary, right? Do you want to know more about how to confine a fire until professionals arrive *or, more importantly, know when to get out?* The Queen Anne’s County Department of Emergency Services will provide a brief presentation and hands-on fire extinguisher training for all residents interested. To adhere to social distancing requirements, a face mask and registration are required to attend or participate in this demo. **Please register in the Wall Street Room.**



Date: **Thursday, October 22**  
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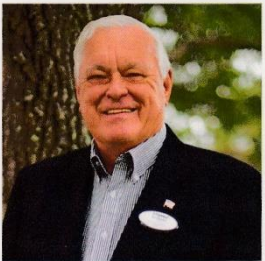
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## PICKLEBALL IN SYMPHONY VILLAGE

**ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER**

### 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 Covid19, the courts are only open to SV residents at this time.

### Family, Fun, and Pickleball! Rosemary Rosenberger



Welcome to October 2020! As the leaves start to change and the temperature begins to cool, many of us start to count our blessings at this special time of year. I, for one, am very fortunate to have the love of family. Among our family favorite things to do together is camp, play cornhole, games, and, of course, pickleball!! Pickleball is for the young and the young at heart. It is something we love to do as a family and it gives us many special times to laugh, exercise, and be together. The “kids” make us better and provide another whole level of exercise for us! I miss our family playing days and times here in Symphony Village and hope that someday our Board will allow us to return to normal where our dear family members and friends may soon be welcomed back to the Village for open play times.

BUT I will also say that we’ve established a wonderful pickleball family here in SV (SMILE)!! We have about twelve “regulars” who show during the scheduled play times, and others that come when they can. We welcome others to come join our SV pickleball family, or just come watch for the fun of it!





Greenville, Mississippi, to discuss lack of federal support for affordable housing. A common theme in the book is the large discrepancy in funding that the U.S. Government and charities send to poor foreign countries where the author has traveled, in comparison to what is provided in the Deep South. But the discussion with Sue Evans takes an unexpected turn when the subject of music in the Mississippi Delta comes up as a hotbed of the blues. It turns out this sixty-year-old white bank officer was married to B.B. King for ten years.

The author's method of travel writing turns up many interesting anecdotes ranging from the many motels run by Indians (and specifically Patels), the culture of gun shows, and a deep dive into the supporters of Alabama football (Roll Tide!).

This style keeps the pages turning, but the underlying lack of progress in race relations in the Deep South, as the book repeatedly details, ultimately left many of the club members dispirited. We gave the book an overall score was 5.85 out of 10, which is below the club average. I think the club was in the mood for a much more upbeat book.

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

October 20 -- **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah

November 17 -- **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng

December 15 -- **Chesapeake Requiem, A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing**

**Tangier Island** by Earl Swift



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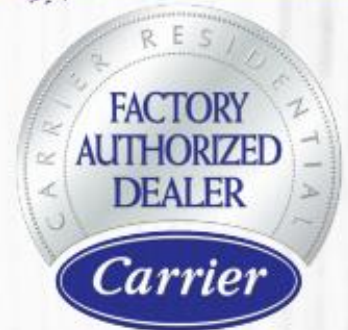
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### BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Laura Bittinger



Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge is located on the Delaware Bay in Smyrna, Delaware. It's a pleasant country drive from Centreville. Plug this address into your GPS, and you'll arrive at the entrance to the refuge: 2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, Delaware. Bombay Hook is one of our favorite spots for viewing a wide variety of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds. Every season offers opportunities to see different species, as Bombay Hook welcomes spring and fall migratory waterfowl and songbird visitors, as well as overwintering waterfowl. The wildlife diversity is amazing because of its landscape, fresh water, salt marsh mud flats, swamps, forest, and grassy and brushy areas! We saw herons, egrets, avocets, terns, grebes, shovelers, swans, Canada geese, eagles, and hawks on a recent visit this fall.



Bombay Hook stretches eight miles long and covers over 16,000 acres. There's a beautiful 12-mile wildlife drive. Be sure to bring your binoculars and cameras. No one is in a rush, so feel free to stop and take in the sights. There are five walking trails and three observation towers (two are handicapped accessible). It's flat, just like home, and the trails aren't long or arduous. Be prepared for pesky bugs in late spring, summer, and early fall, especially if it's humid and/or the air is still.

There is a lovely visitor's center, which is unfortunately closed due to Covid-19.

Don't worry, there are outdoor toilets at several locations, should the need arise...and they are well-tended.

So grab a friend, pack a picnic, binoculars, and camera and take a walk on the wild side!

## RESTAURANT APPRECIATION WEEK



The Shore Update will sponsor [Shore Restaurant Week](#) **October 24 – 31**. Participating restaurants: Amalfi Coast, Bridges on Kent Narrows, Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, Carini's, Dominos, Harris Crab House, The Jetty, Kentmoor Restaurant, Knoxie's Table and The Market, and Ledo Pizza. Go to the website to see menus and "deals."

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# CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

## Upcoming Events “at” the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Friday, October 16**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: [NASA Robotic Servicing](#) (via ZOOM) (Preregister on the website)
- **Friday, October 23**, 1 – 2 p.m.: [True Crime Book Buzz](#) (at the library)
- **Friday, October 30**, 7 – 9 p.m.: [Outdoor Family Movie Night](#): “Goosebumps” (Preregister on the website) (outdoor movie screen at the library)
- **Monday, November 16**, 7 – 8 p.m.: [Antiracism Book Club Discussion](#) (at the library) (Preregister on the website)

Note: Please confirm that the event is still scheduled before going to the library. Just check the indicated web page above.

## Queen Anne’s County Historical Society



Jennifer Moore, the current president of the [Queen Anne's County Historical Society](#), has announced that the organization is searching for new Board members. If you might be interested, please contact Jennifer at [JMoorePRS2007@gmail.com](mailto:JMoorePRS2007@gmail.com) or 410-708-0151. The date for the Society’s Annual Meeting will be announced in late October. An article on the Historical Society is scheduled to be in the November *Libretto*.

The Society will again host its annual Spooky House for Trick or Treaters on **Saturday, October 31**, 6 – 8 p.m., at historic Wright’s Chance (119 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville.

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Voters may go to any of the Voting Centers. There will be a master list open for registered voters. There is same day registration if they are not registered.

**Ballot Drop Box**

**Locations:**

**Vincit Street County Building**

**KIVFD - 1610 Main St.**



## CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORMs

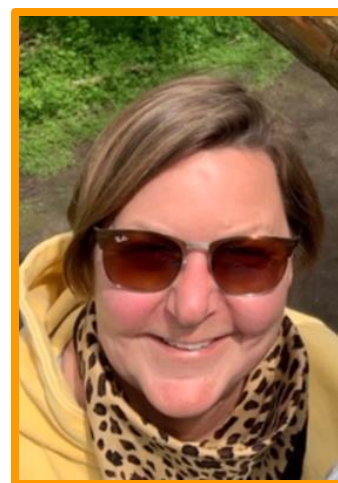
**LAURA BITTINGER**

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### **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

I've been a resident of Symphony village since 2015. My husband, Ed Ritchey, and I returned to Maryland from Rhode Island to be nearer family when Ed retired. I am a native Marylander - grew up in Bowie and graduated with a BS Degree in Nursing from Towson (State) University. We have a daughter and recently welcomed our first grandchild, Lucas, into the family. I work as a self-employed RN in the Village and neighboring communities.



### **SIMILAR OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

I have worked in community and hospital settings during my career as a professional nurse. I've held leadership positions - department head, nurse educator, CPR/First aid instructor, Risk Manager, Infection Control and Employee Health Coordinator.

In my personal life, I was a council member and chair of the Property Committee at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Kingston, RI. I've also served on the BOD of a childcare center in Maine.

### **VISION/EXPECTATIONS FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

I want Symphony Village to be a premier 55+ community on the Eastern Shore. I want to ensure the facilities are maintained and improvements are made proactively - I want to be "ahead" of problems. The 2019 Reserve Study is a good roadmap for future planning and expenditures.

I want residents' concerns and opinions heard and acknowledged. I support increased and more timely communication between leadership and the residents they serve.

### **LIST YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE (i.e. - committees, events, volunteerism, etc.)**

Past member of Lifestyle Committee

Volunteer at multiple SV community social events

Co-chair SV Dog Show

Volunteer Pool Operator

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## **Candidate Information Form**

**George E. 'Skip' Kornmeyer**

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## Personal Background

**Raised in Linden NJ, Exit 136. Six siblings. Villanova graduate. Howell NJ 1965-1972 Pasadena MD 1973-2020 Symphony Village 2007 Forty-six years Alcohol Beverage industry sales management. Maine to South Carolina**

## Similar or Relevant Experiences

**Officer Cedarwood Cove Community Association as well as Cedarwood Cove Pool Association. Commissioner MRO soccer program. Commissioner AAYSL. Symphony Village Board of Directors 1/20 – 8/20**

## Vision/Expectations for Symphony Village

**Review and update Terms of Reference and by-laws. Allow character in community Example; glass panel front door Town hall open forum meetings, residents make comments, ask questions and receive answers. Move community from “cannot do to how can we do” Post, somewhere, committee proposals to the board for resident comments.**

## List your contributions to Symphony Village

**Chaired summer picnic committee. Canvassed village for signatures to save Friday Happy Hour, advocate expansion and longer pool hours. Board of Director. Worked the bar from 2008.**

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### CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

**KAREN KRAM**

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#### **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

I am a 69 year old widow, have lived in SV since the end of 2016, been on the shore since 1985, prior to that Annapolis. Many of you know my son Brad who lives with me, my second son Andrew, recently returned from an overseas deployment. In non Covid times his 3 children, the loves of my life, can be seen in and around the Village, as well as my dog Pip. I am a recently retired pharmacist, proud of the fact that my entire working life was in the chosen career I love. My newest endeavor is that of a baby cuddler at Easton Hospital. You can read about me in the Libretto, Feb. 2020.



## **SIMILAR OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

I have managed a pharmacy, a home, scout troops, and religion classes. I have been active in my neighborhood, my community, and my kid's schools. my church, and my profession. All the above have taught me how to multi task and the need for organization, time management, to prioritize problems, to delegate duties, to critically think, to learn outside my comfort zone (financials), and to understand confidentiality. HIPPA a guiding force in health care allowed me to know that confidential information is just that. Any breach of sensitive information could ruin a reputation, a board, a community. I've learned that conflict management is important. All sides need to be good heard by good listeners as problems arise. For SV there must be a balance of the needs of the HOA and wants of the residents.

## **VISION/EXPECTATIONS FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

I am familiar with the workings and procedures of the board. Two things I would like to help the board with are communications and the procurement process. For communications I suggest any, all, or a combination of:

1. Weekly Wrap-up. A short blast of what occurred
2. A Comment Box (opinions, gripes, accolades)
3. Email based communication system between residents and board (Group-IO)
4. Town Hall Meetings, one or more a year.

The procurement process of ideas going from committee to board is much too cumbersome. A plan should be developed to streamline the process.

## **LIST YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE (i.e. - committees, events, volunteerism, etc.)**

Operations 2018, 2019, 2020, currently vice chair

Budget and Finance 2019, 2020

Pool Operator 2018, 2019, 2020

May Basket Coordinator 2018, 2019

I play Bocce, Bunco, and Mahjong

I swim daily at water aerobics

Active participant in committee and board meetings.

## **CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM**

**BOB NILSSON**

**414 HARMONY WAY**

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## **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

Fifty years with Turner Construction. Last 12 as President and CEO of Turner International.

Eighteen years mentoring wounded at Walter Reed and Bethesda NNMC. Twelve years President and CEO of 100 Entrepreneurs helping 400+ veterans/ caregivers start businesses. Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor Distinguished Citizen award 2019.



## **SIMILAR OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

SV HOA Board, 3 years, president 1.



Numerous committees.

President for 6 years Cove Creek Club HOA.

## **VISION/EXPECTATIONS FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

Continue to meet our annual budget while helping to maintain a healthy community.

## **LIST YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE (i.e. - committees, events, volunteerism, etc.)**

Helped design and build Clubhouse ballroom addition that was built on schedule and within budget.

Help SV deal with a pandemic and conform with state and local laws and regulations.

Help community pay off the construction loan 9 years in advance.

Help community meet its budget for 3 years.

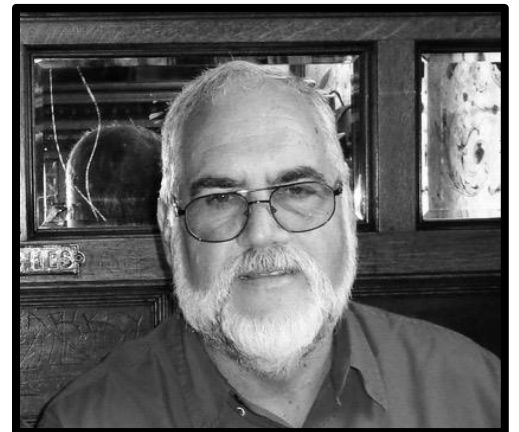
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## **CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM**

**BILL RIDGWAY**

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### **PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

*Juana and I came to SV from Bowie MD in 2007. For 35 years until retiring in 2019, I worked under contract in a NASA science research group designing computer models and measuring atmospheric properties from aircraft and satellites. I grew up on a dairy farm near Doylestown PA, where I was very fortunate to go to excellent public schools. I have BS degrees in Math and Physics from MIT and a PhD in Physics from the University of Chicago.*

### **SIMILAR OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

*My work with three SV committees is explained below in CONTRIBUTIONS. My professional life called for a lot of teamwork, including 30 years as a group lead supervising 20-30 scientists and computer staff. I developed proposals and managed NASA contracts as a project lead, developing annual budgets and managing contract schedules and costs. It was a good opportunity to work with a diverse group, from HR to IT and Accounting specialists.*

### **VISION/EXPECTATIONS FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

*We have to build on successes and learn from mistakes. It's important to find new means to communicate among the Board, Residents, Committees and Management while keeping decision-making transparent. Committees enrich our village experience and are key to controlling costs and supporting new initiatives (like*

*exploring a fiber optic competitor to Atlantic Broadband and seeking better value and performance in landscape and other services).*

**LIST YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE (i.e. - committees, events, volunteerism, etc.)**

*The late John Schultz designed the SV website well before my arrival in 2007. I took over managing our websites and our E-blast software in 2015, later joining the Publications and Communications Committee. I joined the SV Budget and Finance Committee this year. Back in 2008-2009, I served on the HOA Transition sub-committee, where we met frequently to plan for the Caruso (builder) close-out that happened years later due to slow sales.*

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM**

**DEBI WELLS**

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**PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

I enjoyed 40 yrs with Northrop Grumman, working on Top Secret projects and teaming with senior military to thwart terrorism. The quality of my work mattered, as the best defense products would provide the best protection for our soldiers. I also spoke with wounded military harmed by IEDs to gather info to combat these (horrible) bombs. For 40 yrs I managed budget centers, personnel, technology, and organized counter-IED demos at military bases.



**SIMILAR OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

I served 5 yrs as a BoD for Shipley’s Choice, an 854-home HOA. There was no GM/Property Mgt; instead, I handled collections and liens. During my term, I opposed and succeeded over attempts by the State Hwy Admin to construct a 4-lane highway in my community. My team also thwarted a detention center and a crematorium from being built close to our community. If elected, I will fight as hard to ensure progress always benefits our community!

**VISION/EXPECTATIONS FOR SYMPHONY VILLAGE**

My vision (as resident and member of SV Committees) remains steadfast: To protect and grow our property values while being respectful, kind and helpful to each other. My goal, and expectation of those who team with me, is to promote a positive community spirit that values respect, cooperation, fairness, and encourages trust. I have ideas to promote that outcome: Back the Act!; Street Meets; Community Conversations; forge local connections, more!

**LIST YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE (i.e. - committees, events, volunteerism, etc.)**

Covenants Chair (1/2019–7/2020), was responsible to receive/respond to all residents' feedback then updated HOA Covenants document, also created the SV Exterior Paint Portfolio; Publications & Comms (2018-2020), writer and advertising specialist; Document Review (2018), Vice Chair & Secretary; Health Seminar (2017), single handedly organized 1st comprehensive in-home health agency briefings for residents; CERT (2016-2020), Vice Chair; and more



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