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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!



Martin Pawtowski – 210 Harmony Way

Jackie Heimbuch – 819 Harmony Way

Cindy Gerber – 110 Overture Way

Charlene McGrade – 358 Overture Way

2021 HOA BOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS & ACTION ITEMS – MARCH 2021

DEBI WELLS, HOA SECRETARY

Technology challenged? While technology has driven a variety of ways we communicate in Symphony Village (i.e., email, community website, eBlasts), the Board is aware these communication vehicles may not be the best way of getting valuable information to all residents. If you are a resident, or know of a fellow resident, who cannot or prefers not to receive important information electronically, please contact Debi Wells (443-262-8248).

Architectural Requirements: The Covenants Committee requested approval to initiate an update of the Symphony Village HOA covenants document, called the *Architectural Requirements*. On March 2, a motion was made via email and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors to approve this request. After the Covenants Committee drafts their suggested changes to the *Architectural Requirements* and briefs the Board, the redlined document will be available on the Symphony Village Website for review by the community 30 days prior to a vote by the Board of Directors.

The *Architectural Requirements* is an important document that outlines the process and requirements for exterior modifications in our community. If you would like to help make updates (to clarify, change, enhance)

the *Architectural Requirements*, please submit your suggestions to the Covenants Committee or consider becoming a Covenants Committee member!

Want to email a comment to the Board? The Board of Directors would appreciate your help to send your email to *all* Board members: Board@SymphonyVillageHOA.com. Typically, after receiving an email from a resident, the current Board will have an email, phone, or in-person exchange of information. Then, one Board member will respond to the resident. This method promotes unity among Board members; also, it allows our different perspectives to be considered on any comment prior to a response. Sending an email to *all*, not one, Board member will enable us to know about a resident's concern or comment faster and expedite a response. Thank you for your help to send your email(s) to *all* Board members!

Next HOA Board of Directors meeting is Friday, March 26, at 10 a.m.

SV COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SPRING FORWARD & REVIEW YOUR SAFETY CHECKLIST

JOHN OLSON – CERT COORDINATOR

TIME TO CHANGE THE CLOCKS



Did you remember? Daylight Saving Time began the second Sunday in March— March 14 this year. We “lose” an hour when the clocks are set forward, and for many, that means a tired couple of days as our bodies adjust. The consequences of fatigue can be serious, so plan accordingly.



SPRING INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This is a good time to review your spring inspection checklist:

1. Clean gas heaters—shut off first, then clean the exhaust vent, shutter openings, and burner.
2. After the last freeze, open shutoff valves to outside faucets and waterlines.
3. Clean and check for proper operation of all gutters and downspouts. Paint if needed; replace any rusted parts.
4. Test operation of hot water tank.
5. Check wood interior/exterior for signs of termite damage or hire a termite company to check on an annual basis.
6. Inspect all windows and doors for gaps, cracks, or other damage and seal with proper insulation such as caulk or weather stripping. Repair any broken or cracked glass as needed.
7. Check roof for any needed repairs of shingles, flashing, chimney, or gutters and downspouts.
8. Check vents and louvers for free-moving air.
9. Check brick for any cracks or foundation settling signs.
10. Check for any water damage or accumulation of water on the home from drains. Check faucets, hoses, bibs, commodes, and shutoff valves for leaks.
11. Inspect basement or crawl space for any signs of water damage, excess moisture, or mold.

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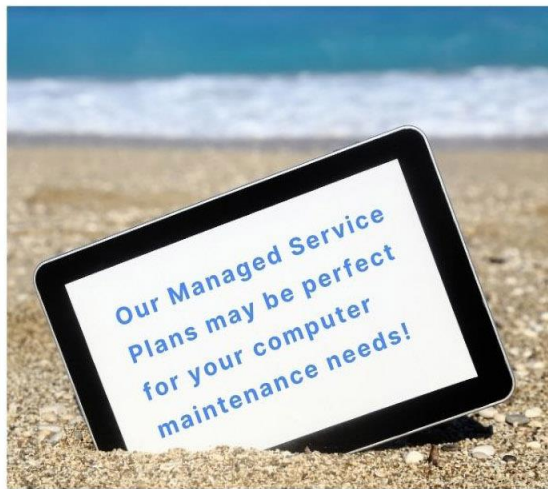
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

A Place Called Home

The Artisans Guild will be collecting art pieces on Monday, March 29, from 10 a.m. until noon in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse. We hope to see more people submit their art. Hopefully, later in the fall we can sponsor some classes again. Please follow the guidelines.

Guidelines and Entry *Please add the dimensions of each piece.

<https://symphonyvillage.net/s/Artist-Release-and-Waiver-of-Liability-h72y.pdf>

Waiver [Artisan's Guild Artist Release and Waiver of Liability](#)

COVENANTS

VICKI KOBER, CHAIR

EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS APPROVED BY HOA MANAGEMENT

An exterior modification form is required for the following:

- **Awnings:** An approved Awning Sample Binder is located in the Management office
- **Gutters, Gutter Guards, and Downspouts:** All gutters and downspouts are to be white. All gutter guards are to be white.
- **Satellite Dish:** Satellite dishes are to be located where they are not visible from the street.
- **Storm Doors:** Storm Doors must be white or painted to match the color of the front door.
- **Outdoor Lighting:** The approved lamp post fixture details are available at the HOA Management office.

For more details, refer to the [ARCHITECTURAL REQUIREMENTS](#), or contact the HOA Management office at 410-758-8500, or email: Kimberly Cox at ea@symphonyvillagehoa.com

LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

BILL WELLS, L&I COMMITTEE

HERE COME THE 17-YEAR CICADAS! PART 2

If you recall the January *Libretto* article was about cicadas, their eating habits, and some of the delicacies local chefs have created using them (Part 1). Now, let us explore the egg-laying process and the impact it may have on our deciduous plants and trees. And wrap up with a brief pet caution. (Thank you, Laura Bittinger and Pat Fox for giving me some ideas to write this article.)



The cicada's egg laying is what most folks are concerned about. Following their mating, the female cicadas look for a tree to deposit their 500–600 eggs. There are around 200 different types of trees that look like a good nursery to them. In Symphony Village, those trees include our fruit trees, oaks, maples, elms, red bud, Callery pears, sweetgum, tulip poplar, viburnum, serviceberry, fringe trees, birches, hickory, and a few more. Pretty much all of our deciduous trees! And momma cicada also likes a number of shrubs like rhododendrons, roses, rose of Sharon, Spirea, and snowball bushes. Again, if it is not an evergreen, it may look like a great spot to lay eggs. Cicada females love woody stalks, one-half inch or less in diameter, with long open sections, and no heavy running sap. The female cuts two slits with her ovipositor in the small pencil-sized (or smaller) branches

and twigs and lays about 24 eggs. She repeats the process until all her eggs have been deposited. Six to ten weeks later, the nymphs, or larvae, hatch and drop to the ground. They burrow 6 to 18 inches into the soil, attach themselves to a tree root, and slowly begin to feed on plant roots, sucking out the sap, but not enough to harm the tree. Then, 17 years later, they emerge and start the process all over again.

Where infestations are heavy, and the egg-laying process is repeated on a tremendous number of twigs, the affected twigs or small branches will die and hang down. This is called flagging. This flagging may be an esthetic issue but should not permanently harm a healthy tree or shrub. In fact, most professional foresters and arborists seem to take all of this in stride. We are actually pretty lucky in Symphony Village since our community was constructed during and after the last infestation, thus disturbing the original soil that may have had the young cicada nymphs. Except for the nearby forest, nearly all the trees and shrubs were freshly installed from local nurseries. This will most certainly reduce the numbers—not eliminate them—they are coming, but it will certainly reduce their numbers.



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If you feel the need to protect your shrubs or trees, the most effective way is to envelop them in very fine mesh sheets of nylon netting or cheesecloth. Make certain there is no way for the little critters to gain entry, including the tree base. Spraying pesticides is not very effective and will probably do more harm to our mammals, reptiles, fish, and birds throughout our community, not to mention our outdoor pets. You also might want to think about delaying planting woody shrubs or trees until late summer or fall—after the adult cicadas have died. Oh yes, there have been a few articles about some pets choking on cicadas or eating so many they cause upset stomachs, so although this may be few and far between, please keep an eye on your dogs and cats when they are outside. Other than this, relax and enjoy this wonderful natural event as it unfolds before our very eyes. Remember you won't see the 17-year cicada again until 2038. And, yes, get your recipes ready!

LIFESTYLE

MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR; JANET LEISTER, VICE CHAIR

Spring is five days away, and we anticipate the warm weather and the opportunity to greet neighbors again!

The Symphony Village Lifestyle Committee is hard at work identifying COVID safe ways of coming together and having fun! Several activities were scheduled at this month's meeting: Details on events to follow.

<p>HOW TO BAKE TUSCAN HERB BREAD WITH ZINA</p>		<p>via Zoom</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 17, 2021</p>	<p>10 to 11 a.m.</p>
<p>BLUEBIRDS: A 35- YEAR RELATIONSHIP</p>		<p>via Zoom</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 23, 2021</p>	<p>10 to 11 a.m.</p>
<p>FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH</p>			<p>Wednesday, April 7, 2021</p>	<p>noon to 2 p.m.</p>
<p>LIFESTYLE ARMCHAIR VIRTUAL TOUR SERIES: TAJ MAHAL</p>		<p>via Zoom</p>	<p>Saturday, April 17, 2021</p>	<p>2 p.m.</p>

Please continue to stay vigilant in wearing your masks and washing your hands frequently. Talks are still in progress with Edwards Pharmacy. Although Edwards Pharmacy has received no COVID vaccines yet, the Queen Anne's County Health Department continues to offer a limited number of vaccines with priority given to teachers and other frontline workers. For those individuals who are 75 years of age and older, we recommend you refer to the MD Vaccine Hunters and State of MD Twitter websites for more information.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon!



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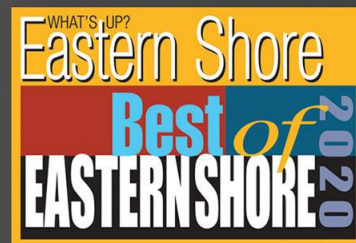


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THE LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE IS DELIGHTED TO PRESENT A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE TAJ MAHAL



The Lifestyle Committee's Virtual Armchair Travel Series inaugural episode features the Taj Mahal.

Date: April 17

Time: 2 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Where: Via Zoom

The tour will be led by Akash Up, a Ministry of India certified tour guide.

Akash's Bio: Akash was born in Agra, India, home of the Taj Mahal. He has been working in the tourism industry for ten years. Over the past ten years, Akash has led international tours to the Taj Mahal over 1,000 times. Through this "Walk-in History Experience," Akash will explain, in detail, about each part of the Taj Mahal including the eternal love story behind the monument and a peek into other monuments of Agra such as the Agra Fort and Baby Taj Mahal.

To register, please click on this [link](#). **Payment (\$15 per person) is due on or before April 10, 2021.** Checks (**only**) should be made out to Symphony Village HOA and include Taj Mahal Tour in the memo section of your check. Drop off your check at the Clubhouse. The Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the tour begins.

P&C REPORT

CAROL HODGES

UPDATE DIRECTORY

It is important that you help keep the SV Directory up to date. If you need to change your directory information, click on [Directory Update](#) and fill out the form or from the [Directory](#) click on Options and fill out the form there.

NEW RESIDENTS

It is important that all new residents are made to feel welcome. If you see someone new has moved in, please introduce yourself and encourage the person(s) to go to the Clubhouse and talk to the Management. Also, please inform Eileen Rowley, Welcome Chairman, and Julia Detch, Welcome Co-chair, that there is a new resident.

If you are a new resident and have not been contacted by the Welcome Committee, please visit the Management at the Clubhouse to let them know. With the pandemic, it has been difficult to make sure everyone is welcomed.

ARTICLES FOR THE *LIBRETTO*

Occasionally someone might wish to contribute an article (nothing political and no editorials) for the *Libretto*. Please submit by the tenth of the month to all three editors: MaryKay Kerr at marykay.kerr@gmail.com, Marge Strano at mbestrano@gmail.com, and Carol Hodges at lhodges@atlanticbb.net. Please limit the articles to less than three-quarters of a page.

SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

In previous years, the sixth graders at Centreville Middle School have participated in an outdoor education program at North Bay Camp. Sneakers has supported this program in the past by subsidizing the expenses of this undertaking.

While it is not possible for the students to travel to North Bay this year, the school has arranged for two North Bay educators to come to the school on two separate days to be able to work with all of the sixth graders under the current school scheduling procedures. The cost is \$500 per day for the two educators. In lieu of the support previously provided, Sneakers has agreed to cover the costs of one day of the educators. While this does not completely replace the three-day overnight program, it offers the students an opportunity similar to the experience they would have encountered at the camp.

Anita Gruss
Manager

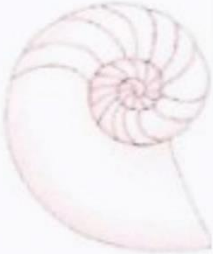


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LARRY RAYNER, THE ARMCHAIR ASTRONOMER

We are privileged to live in this time of great exploration of space. History shows our time is akin to the great Spanish and Portuguese explorations of the seas in the period of 1400–1600 AD. The Voyagers, Mariners, and other robotic spacecraft are analogous to the memorable sea captains of history—Columbus, Magellan, de Soto, and Cortez.



The Spanish/Portuguese seafaring explorations and discoveries remind us of the advances that occurred during the Renaissance, also during the same time period. What all these share in common is that they all had patrons who encouraged the exploration. The Renaissance had the De Medicis, the sea explorations had Ferdinand and Isabella and, in our time, John F. Kennedy. Kennedy said, “Now is the time for this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievements, which in many ways may hold the key to our future on Earth,” i.e., ozone depletion, climate change, asteroid or comet impact. As a result of Kennedy’s Apollo initiative, Congress funded a Department of Planetary Defense within NASA assigned to protect Earth from asteroid and comet impact. We now have satellites in orbit monitoring ozone levels in the upper atmosphere and climate change around the world.

For the past 50 years, the U.S. has maintained its leadership in space exploration. As of 2020, we had roughly 220 either in orbit or exploring planetary surfaces throughout the solar system. We will likely continue our leadership for the next several decades—although China is expected to draw near within the next decade. Other countries (China, UAE, Israel) are only now planning manned expeditions to the moon with many landings scheduled in 2024. NASA is planning to land a man and a woman on the moon late in 2024.



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In the last month, NASA has awarded SpaceX (Elon Musk’s company) a third of a billion-dollar contract to position the first two elements of a space station in orbit around the moon. The first element is termed the Power and Propulsion element and the second element is the Habitat element. NASA plans for this space station to act as an abode for astronauts landing and returning from any place on the moon. NASA plans to use its new replacement for the Saturn V, called the Space Launch System (SLS), to establish a moon colony in the 2026–2028 timeframe. Current plans are for the facility to be located in a crater, likely in a vacant lava tube, on the south pole of the moon. The crater expected to be selected will be in almost permanent darkness to provide an access to frozen water discovered there in the last two years. This water source is suspected to be of the volume of one of our smaller Great Lakes. The water, when distilled into its consistent parts, will provide oxygen and hydrogen—the two elements that provide rocket fuel and breathable oxygen for inhabitants of the moon colony. Whether our new moon landings are achieved by NASA or commercial enterprises like SpaceX or Blue Origins (Jeff Bezos’ company) is still to be determined.

Between 2030–2035 NASA plans manned landings on Mars; commercial landings may occur as early as 2030. Elon Musk wants to die on Mars, “but not on impact.” We stand on the threshold of becoming a multiple planet species. Colonies on the Moon and Mars will give us multiple locations in the Solar System and potentially protect us from extinction as a species unlike the dinosaurs.

Kennedy announced his objective for the Apollo Program in a Special Joint Session of Congress to land a man on the moon and safely return him to Earth by the end of the decade; he elaborated at Rice University in 1961:

“We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things not because they are easy but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energy and skill, because that challenge is one, we are willing to accept, and we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win...”

Looking forward to March 15, The Ides of March, the Equinox. When day and night are equal. It is now time to Spring Ahead!

BOCCE BANTER

PATRICIA CIPRIANO

Did you know that bocce is the third most popular sport in the world after soccer and golf?

Proof is that ten residents attended the first SV open bocce of the 2021 season! Everyone enjoyed getting back in the game under blue skies. Open bocce is on the SV schedule Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. weather permitting. Let the good times roll!



Cathy Olson and Amy Landen team up to sweep the round.



Andrew Duda of Sonata Way is getting ready to toss the bocce ball.

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PICKLEBALL—READY TO SPRING INTO ACTION?

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER

HAPPY MARCH 2021! It's time to get your game on fellow picklers! We've "sprung up" and are ready to embrace the sunshine and warmer temperatures on the pickleball courts. For this month (mid-March through mid-April), we will have regularly scheduled play as follows:

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.; and Saturday at 10 a.m.

My hope is that our new Symphony Villagers will come out to play or just take in the view to see what the game is all about. We have lots of fun and the players are fabulous! Just fun in the sun! Below you will find ten basic rules for pickleball and the top ten changes in the rules for 2021.

HIGHLIGHTED NEW RULES EXPANDED FOR YOU!

REMOVAL OF THE CONCEPT OF A LET ON A SERVE

In the past, service lets were a part of the sport of pickleball. However, this rule has been changed to remove service lets in an effort to (1) preserve the integrity of the sport and prevent receiving teams from calling "phantom lets" on "ace serves"; (2) reduce conflicts between players or between referees and players over a let call; and (3) stop referees from performing a referee technique that some players found distracting, which was holding the pickleball net on the serve to detect lets and then stepping back out of bounds.

ADDITION OF THE DROP SERVE AS A PROVISIONAL RULE

The Official Rulebook for pickleball originally created the drop serve for players with a physical disability (for instance, any player with one arm). However, the Official Rulebook now permits this alternative serving method for all players, as the pickleball drop serve is a "provisional rule" under the Official Rulebook. This means that the pickleball drop serve is currently permitted but may be revised or removed in the future based on its effect on the sport. To do a pickleball drop serve, you must drop or release the pickleball from any natural height, either by using your hand or letting the pickleball roll off of your paddle, and then hit the pickleball with your paddle after the pickleball bounces on the court. Learn the details of the pickleball drop serve now to add this new serve to your arsenal!

For further explanations, please visit the following site: www.thepickler.com

Next month we will provide more rules and tips—stay tuned! So for now, whatever it is that you choose to do, stay safe and enjoy our beautiful Symphony Village! Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns!

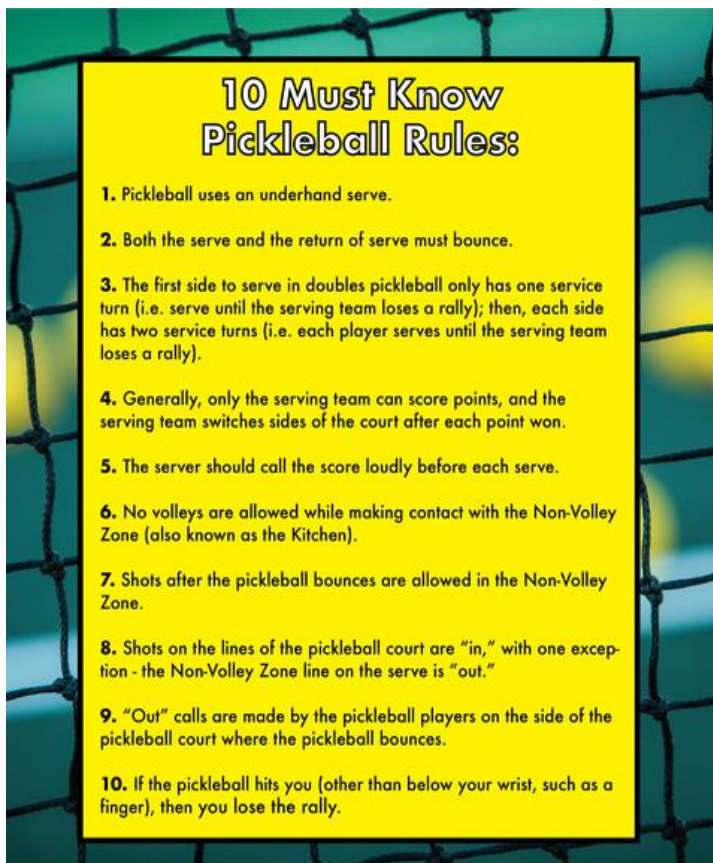


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READING FOR FUN – FEBRUARY 2021 REVIEW

JOE SIKES, CHAIR

The SV Book Club met virtually on February 16 to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Our communal online literati included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, JoAnn Walker, and Cathy Olson. Mary Jo Volpicelli also provided input on this month’s book.

My main man, Bill Krueger, has written an engaging yarn concerning a young Frank Drum’s recollection of the impactful summer of 1961 in his hometown of New Bremen, Minnesota. Frank was thirteen that year and enjoying many activities that reminded me of my own early teen years, riding bikes, skipping stones in the river, slurping sodas at the local drug store, and dealing with a pesky younger brother. The summer’s distinguishing trait for Frank, however, was an abnormal number of suspicious deaths in his small town and his connection to them all.

The Krueger provides a plethora of characters for us to assimilate as he spins his story. We have two World War II veterans, including Frank’s father, who share a wartime trauma which remains a secret between them. A town bully harasses Frank and his younger brother, Nathan, who is afflicted by a stutter. Frank’s mother and sister, both musically gifted, are captivated by the same blind musical prodigy. Others include a mysterious Indian, a boisterous Irish cop, an unpopular rich family, a friendly barber, and an unexpected Klingon who teleports into the town square. (Oops, scratch the last one. I was watching an old Star Trek episode.) The plot moves along crisply and the descriptions of the locale in

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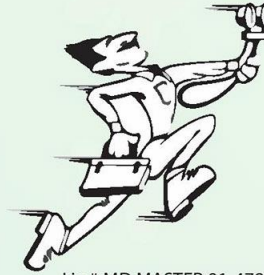
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Minnesota are vibrant. The story includes an innovative twist at the end, leaving the reader satisfied.

The deaths Frank experiences as a teenager have an outsized effect on his personality during his formative years. Many people do not have to confront sudden death until well into maturity and dealing with grief after losing a loved one is a difficult journey. Having lost a daughter, I was comforted by a lesson Frank carries forward at the end of the book. He learned it from the mysterious Indian, Warren Redstone, mentioned above. Redstone's parting wisdom to Frank was that the dead are never far from us. In the end, all that separates us is a final breath of air.

The book was much acclaimed by the club and thoroughly enjoyed. We gave it a score 8.8 out of 10. It rates in our top three books over the last couple of years.

We have updated our list of future books which are listed below. We plan to continue meeting virtually, using Zoom technology. Invitations will be sent directly to those wishing to attend. If you wish to participate, contact me at: sikes.withers@yahoo.com

March 16 *Don't Ever Get Old* by Daniel Friedman

April 20 *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

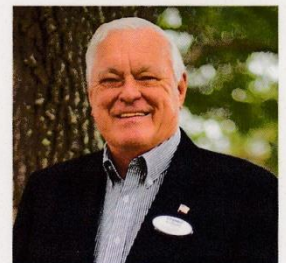
May 18 *The Mission Song* by John le Carré

June 15 *A Quiet Cadence* by Mark Treanor

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEIGHBOR TO NOTE

DEBI WELLS, P&C LIAISON

MEET THE SYMPHONY VILLAGE “TREE GUY”

If your tree has shown signs of stress, disease, or damage, you have probably already met the Landscape & Irrigation (L&I) Vice Chair, Bill Wells. Known as the “Tree Guy” by a number of neighbors, Bill has headed the L&I Tree Subcommittee since 2016. Armed with a Forestry degree from North Carolina State, he, and the Tree Subcommittee, consisting of a number of talented Master Gardeners, have been taking care of the community’s trees, even enlisting other resident volunteers to help prune.

Does Bill enjoy caring for trees? No, he *loves* it! With dogged persistence, dedication, and a never-give-up attitude, Bill is relentless about solve any concern for the well-being of a tree. Did you know good forestry guys have an analytical mind? They do! If something happens to a tree, they like to know how or why it happened. They do not assume. Was it the weather? An infection? A girdling root? Location? Water problem? Good forestry guys are always paying attention to conditions that may harm a tree, so they have a better chance of recognizing and avoiding those problems for other trees. With every snip of a leaf, cut of a tiny twig, slice of a piece of bark, he relishes the research and influencing the best path forward for each tree’s health. With entomology as a secondary passion, and knowing which bugs like to nibble or burrow into trees, Bill and the Tree Subcommittee have been effective in helping the community’s 1,800 common area trees stay strong.



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Persistence, dedication, and a never-give-up attitude tend to lend support to other endeavors. For Bill, it includes cooking. Making homemade pasta and sauces from scratch are what dreams are made of, according to Bill. His satisfaction from cooking is a trait from his Vienna, Austria, born mom. Cooking for her was to show how much she loved you. Especially at Christmastime, she would spend days making a variety of scrumptious nut-filled, rolled, and frosted delights. For a short while, Bill's enjoyment in cooking even led him to be a restaurant manager after college graduation. Persistence is a yearning for success, and Bill does not give up easily until success (whether it is a tree's health or the perfect sauce) is achieved!

Born in Charm City (Baltimore) to a double Purple Heart World War II Army veteran and his Austrian war bride, Bill grew up in Arnold, Maryland, with his brother, Bob. Like yesterday, he recalls day-long adventures through the farmlands and dense wooded acres where Anne Arundel Community College now stands. Having grown up in Arnold, he enjoys the history of that area and even contributed to its historical record (*Arnold, Maryland & Neighbors on the Broadneck*, by Alberta Stornetta). History has always been a keen interest to Bill, especially pertaining to his genealogy, which he's been working on (and off) for decades. In fact, knowing his ancestors worked on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad generations ago, incentivized his and his wife's antique business to transition into solely buying and selling real train memorabilia from across the United States (including original maps, lithographs, dining car menus, signage, coal buckets, spittoons, dining car china, flatware, and much more). Of course, Bill keeps his favorite pieces and has sold some pretty large items, like a lighted depot sign from inside a railway station. Unfortunately, since the pandemic, the antique events (located mostly in the Washington, D.C. area) where Bill showcased and sold his railroad inventory have temporarily ceased.

A 40-year veteran of the Northrop Grumman Corporation, Bill was the youngest supervisor on the shop floor. Again, using his persistence, dedication, and never-give-up attitude, he worked his way through management



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until he assumed quality control responsibility for Northrop Grumman's 1,800 contractors. Meeting quality standards for a world-class defense company took him all over the world, which he enjoyed. He still likes to reminisce about singing at Christmastime in Ireland's pubs, strolling Australia's heated walkways, and enjoyed visiting beautiful places like Niagara on the Lake and Ottawa in Canada. And, sometimes there was excitement during Bill's travels! When he was a Program Quality Manager for the Caribbean Basin Radar Network, Bill's mission was to install and final test radar systems to intercept low-flying aircraft, just above the water's surface, carrying drugs destined for the U.S. During various installations, he was often side-by-side with numerous monkeys while working at tree height, chased by the cartel in Venezuela, shot at during a visit to Panama City, and woke up in a Honduras hotel with a large tarantula staring at him. After one successful radar installation, Bill saw first-hand (during a customer final test) how a low-flying plane headed for the U.S. was immediately met by two F-16s when it entered U.S. airspace. In an effort to escape, the low-flying plane was ditched by its pilot into the gulf. The pilot and his passenger were soon picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. Exciting times, with many more stories. When you see Bill, you'll want to get the details. All radar installation systems were completed successfully, and he found humor in most of his assignments!

Bill continues to enjoy travel, especially with his wife, Debi (of 50 years this April!), and hopes to travel and vacation again soon with their daughter, Christina, her husband, and their three children (ages 4, 9, and 11). Our community, and its trees, are glad Bill decided to move to Symphony Village. Thank you, Bill, for all of your volunteer service!

WACKY, WHIMSICAL, EARTH DAY FUN ARTSY/CRAFTSY PROJECT

GEORGE DRAKE

Have fun and use your creative brain to design and construct an artsy/craftsy project to celebrate **Earth Day (April 22)**. The worldwide theme for 2021 is *Restore Our Earth*. It is the 51st annual event celebrated around the world to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

In 2020, Villagers used the right side of their brain to create "art" pieces from recycled materials! Join in the fun in this wacky, whimsical event this year!



As for myself, I'm thinking toward *Recycle Woman* to complement last year's *Recycle Man*. I can't have this lovely couple together though because I disassembled and recycled *Recycle Man* after his two-week appearance.

Since it is still COVID time and the Clubhouse is closed for mass gatherings, your creation should be made for outdoors. Start saving recyclable materials, gathering junk, and creating something to share with the neighborhood as your contribution. Place your "artwork" outdoors where it can be seen—who knows, maybe a Village photographer will grab a shot to further show your artsy creation off to our neighbors.

Place the items outdoors a week before April 22 and leave it in place until a few days after Earth Day. Show your neighbors you care about recycling/repurposing in a fun way. (Watch out on recycle and garbage pickup day!). Have fun!

YARD WASTE

Yard waste pickup begins on Monday, March 23.



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RESTAURANT REVIEW

MARKET STREET PUBLIC HOUSE, 200 MARKET STREET, DENTON, MD

CAROL HODGES

In July 2013, I wrote a review of the Market Street Public House. Saturday we decided to go there since we had not been during the pandemic. We were hesitant to go there because it was a shotgun building and might not be socially distanced. We were amazed to find when we went in for lunch that the restaurant had annexed the two store fronts next to the original restaurant so it was three times the size. There were many socially distanced tables as well as an additional bar.



Everyone was celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There were many appropriate entrees and the Guinness, Smithwicks, and Harp beer were very apropos to the holiday plus there were many other draft beers.

Larry ordered the Classic Burger (Howie Fox would be happy to know this) with fries that were delicious. I ordered fish and chips, which was equally tasty.

When you are on the way to or from the beach, this is a great place to stop for a meal. They are also open for breakfast. Give it a try!

YARNSTORMING 2021 AT ADKINS

BETTY MCATEE

Attention nature enthusiasts, tree lovers, and yarn artists! You won't want to miss the current **Yarnstorming 2021** outdoor exhibit at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely. This creative visual display, which was originally considered street art or graffiti, shows tree trunks and branches of native trees behind the visitors center "clothed" in a myriad of brightly colored knitted and crocheted designs. The arboretum has partnered with FACES (Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore) to produce this event which is open for public view from March 6 until April 3. The visitor center building is still closed (outdoor port-a-potties are available), and COVID safety practices will be observed.



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CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

LOCAL EVENTS

- **Kent Island Farmers' Market**: **Thursdays, year-round, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.**: Outside Cult Classic Brewery (1169 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville): [KI Farmers' Market](#)
- **Chestertown Winter Farmers' Market**: **Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon**, weather permitting: Fountain Park, Chestertown: [Chestertown Farmer's Market](#)
- **Cabin Fever Film Festival**: **Wednesdays, December 16, 2020 – March 24, 2021, 7 p.m.**: Online via Zoom or YouTube: [Cabin Fever Film Festival](#) (Free)
- **Annapolis Restaurant Week**: **March 20 – 28**: venues in Annapolis: [Annapolis Restaurant Week](#) (\$)
- **Maryland Day**: **March 20 – 21**: Variety of locations; Some events virtual and some in-person: [Maryland Day Events](#) (Some events free; some events for a charge) (Preregister for some events on the website)
- **Third Annual St. Michaels Chocolatefest**: **Saturday, March 20, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**: venues in St. Michaels: [St. Michaels Events](#) (\$)
- **Murder at the Mansion Theatre presents “Murderers”**: **March 26 – 27**: Virtual: [Murderers](#) (\$15 per household)
- **“The 39 Steps”**: **April 9, 10, and 11**: Via Zoom: [Church Hill Theatre](#) (\$15)
- **St. Michaels Farmer's Market**: **Saturdays, April 10 – November, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**: 204 S. Talbot Street, St. Michaels: [Farmer's Market](#)

Please check websites for any updated information on the above events.

CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

Friday, March 26, 7 – 8 p.m.: [History of Kent Island](#) (on QAC Library Facebook Page).

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

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TOWN OF CENTREVILLE NEWS

TOWN OF CENTREVILLE NEWS HIGHLIGHTS (JANUARY/FEBRUARY)

BOB HARDY

Chesterfield Cemetery Advisory Committee Presentation – Future plan for improved Handicap Access to Columbarium.

Charter Amendment: Council Member Vacancies; to clarify and rectify the situation which occurred in 2020 with Council member moving out of state and/or area.

Centreville Police Department Presentation (Chief Saboury) – Presented four items of interest; by a vote of 5–0, Council approved:

- Moving forward with a study regarding Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System (LEOPS) for town police [request for actuarial study by State of Maryland] to be on par with surrounding jurisdictions.
- Raising basic salaries of entry-level officers to the salary level of surrounding jurisdictions.
- Hiring of an administrative assistant to be employed at Police HQ to better serve the citizens of Centreville and release officers for patrol duties; and
- Conducting a study by Chief Saboury to explore what would be the needed space requirements for the department into the future.

Two new Police Officers were sworn in: Dustin Schulz and Tyler Clagett; bringing our Police Department to almost full strength.

Contract awarded to install electric service to and along the Centreville Boardwalk at the Wharf and install bollard/beacon lamps and power pedestal for boat slips.

Presentation by Ms. Jennifer Moore, Director, QAC Historical Society:

- Announced restoration and maintenance efforts at Wright’s Chance and Tucker House.
- Major exhibit – “Smithsonian – Museum on Main Street” Votes and Voices at Kennard Cultural & Heritage Center, June/July 2021 (with potential to move around county to schools & businesses); and
- Joint project development with QAC Library for Genealogy (Maryland Room and Outdoor Space).

Centreville Dog Park – Councilman Hardy in coordination with Parks Advisory Board will research and take action to establish a dog park in the Centreville area.

Water/Sewer FAQ sheet – Councilman Hardy in coordination with Director, Public Works, Kip Matthews will develop and distribute to the citizens of Centreville.

In-depth discussion regarding Tax Set-Off/Tax Differential between the Town of Centreville and QA County governments.

2nd Reading: Ordinance 01–2021 (text amendment) – Agriculture Uses in the Planned Business District (for a permit request of GTI) and Ordinance 02–2021 (text amendment) – Moratorium on “Accessory Structures over 400 Square Foot.”

Town of Centreville was awarded \$147,256 for Centreville Main Street initiative from the Maryland Strong Economic Recovery Initiative for micro grants in direct support of local business.

Park Advisory Board Annual Report (Mike Whitehill):

- A loblolly pine near Creamery Lane and a hickory tree along Millstream Park were designated as Maryland Champion Trees;
- Southeast Creek Lawn & Landscape awarded a landscape maintenance contract; and
- Discussion initiated about adding artwork/sculpture to the Millstream & Wharf Parks.

Internet Service for Northbrook – Antenna erected on Water Tower by AD Indiana for citizens interested in using their internet service.

Planning continues for “Family Fun Day” in conjunction with 4th of July Fireworks.

Carter Farm Development – Initial discussion regarding the process and method for approving development of Carter Farm (primarily behind the QAC Board of Education and at the headwaters of the Corsica River); developer has approached the Town and will be presenting in the future, development plans for this Critical Area in the town limits.

Council members Hardy and Anania with the Park Advisory Board will be restoring the Basketball Court at Millstream Park (at the foot of Little Kidwell Avenue) this spring/summer.

Site plan has been approved for a new storage warehouse on Little Hut Drive (across from the Acme shopping center).

Town of Centreville speed camera was deployed on Railroad Avenue and a fourth camera will hopefully be deployed on Commerce Street (to reduce speeding in the area around Wye River Upper School, St. Paul’s Church, and the QAC Arts Council).

QAC Broadband – **Action needed by citizens;** The State of Maryland is conducting a survey of broadband access throughout the State; a survey is available that will document individual Internet upload and download speeds to determine served and more importantly, underserved areas.

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as this survey will determine allocation of funding to improve Broadband
throughout Maryland and Queen Anne’s County.

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