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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.



Benny & Jane Yanko—308 Orchestra Place

SV BOD PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SEPTEMBER 2021

PAT FOX, PRESIDENT

HYBRID BOARD MEETING – LIVE AND ZOOM CAPABLE

- After receiving technical advice and purchasing new audio equipment, we came up with a workable hybrid solution for a combined live and Zoom meeting.
- This solution has been tested on a few smaller groups, but our first meeting was the true launch.
- Hopefully, our Wi-Fi connectivity supported us.
- If you are attending a meeting in person, turning off your Wi-Fi connection under settings, connectivity should improve.

CHANGES TO BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

To keep up with action items on a timelier basis, the Board has decided to meet monthly. We have revised some meeting dates and added another:

- September BOD changed to Thursday, September 9 at 6 p.m.
- October meeting remains October 22 at 10 a.m. to capture committee referrals.
- November 12 at 10 a.m. has been added.

- December 1, our Annual Meeting remains at 6 p.m.
- 2022 meeting dates will be determined at the Annual Meeting Reorganization Session.



POOL RULES—While we only have a limited number of days left

Please adhere to our posted SV pool rules. These rules are there for the safety of you and your family. The most critical rules to follow are:

- No jumping from the pool deck into the water; the stairs are the only safe way to enter.
- No glass bottles or glasses are allowed at the pool. If the bottles or glasses break, we would have to close the pool and drain it to properly clean up glass shards.
- No ball throwing or playing on the deck or in the pool as someone could get hurt.
- Children’s hours are 11 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. daily.
- All guests must always be accompanied by a resident when using SV amenities—pool and Clubhouse.

EXTERIOR MODIFICATION FORMS

- Please remember that you need to get permission from the Covenants Committee to proceed with exterior modifications to your house or landscaping. The forms can be obtained on our SV Website or through management.
- The Committee uses our SV Architectural Regulations—a legal document we all received when purchasing our houses—as the guiding document.
- Always ask for help from the Committee or staff if you need clarification to comply with the regulations. The Committee meets monthly to review the requests.

YARD WORK DAMAGE

Accidents will happen when the landscaping company is mowing our yards and using their equipment to trim.

- We suggest that you check the perimeter after each mow and report any damage.
- The easy way to report damage is go to the home page of our [SV website](#) and click on [Work Orders](#) for landscaping.
- This electronic form allows you to register the damage and photos into the data system. Our contractor has access to that system and will be able to investigate and make necessary repairs.

COVID STATUS

- As we are hearing, the number of Covid Cases is once again on the rise—even for vaccinated people.
- Board and management are monitoring this closely.
- Since the very beginning of March, we have followed Governor Hogan, Queen Anne’s County and, of course, the CDC guidelines for our gatherings and use of amenities and will continue to do so.



SV BOD HIGHLIGHTS & ACTION ITEMS—SEPTEMBER 2021

DEBI WELLS, HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECRETARY

BOD Email Votes: There have been two urgent email votes not noted in this newsletter since the June 4 HOA meeting and the August *Libretto*:

On July 8, a motion was made and approved on July 12 to invest a CD at TIAA Bank for \$23,000 that was to mature on July 12. That request consisted of putting \$40,000 in a two-year CD at United Texas Bank at .65% interest rate, and to open a new Money Market account at Queenstown Bank to transfer the remaining \$195,000 at .25% interest rate until CD rates increase next year.

On August 28 a motion was made and approved to contract with Eagle Pump Systems to install pressure relief valves on irrigation pumps three and four for \$5,400. This motion was urgent to prevent a disruption in system performance.

Both email votes were ratified at the September 9 HOA community meeting.

HOA Meeting Votes: The following motions were made and approved at the September 9 meeting.



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Recommendations approved from the Operations Committee:

- **Outdoor Pool:** A proposal from Anchor Aquatics to replace the coping and tile this Fall (2021) and replace the whitecoat/plaster in Spring, 2022. Funding will be from reserves for \$51,900. There will be no disruption to swimming, and this was a first consideration!
- **Tennis/Pickleball Courts:** Use of Reserve funds to resurface the tennis courts and repaint the lines to include lines on both sides of the court for pickleball. Work will be performed in Spring 2022 to avoid freezing complications this year.
- **Putting Green:** A Request for Information for the Committee to review, refurbish, replace, and/or remove the putting green.
- **Clubhouse Parking Lot:** A Request for Information for the Committee to obtain information from potential contractors to refurbish parking lot asphalt, its curbing, and drain.

Recommendations approved from the Landscape & Irrigation (L&I) Committee:

- **Tree Pads:** A proposal from Middleton Construction Company of Centreville to excavate seven tree pads on Overture Way contaminated from infestation of the previous trees by Emerald Ash Borer. These excavations are required prior to new trees being planted.
- **Tree Pruning:** Pruning 174 community trees when they are dormant in the November and/or December timeframe for \$15,000 from this year's Landscape and Irrigation budget.
- **Turf Restoration:** Turf regeneration by Level Green in five common areas (to be decided by L&I) as test sites to determine if core aeration, topdressing, application of starter-fertilizer, and overseeding or Verti seeding, as appropriate, will regenerate the turf. NTE \$2,000.
- **Revised Terms of Reference:** A revision to "Appendix C" in the community's *Terms of Reference* that will allow routine work that is reviewed and recommended to the HOA GM by a Symphony Village Committee for \$2,500 or less (provided funding exists in the current year's annual budget with a balance to sufficiently cover the cost of the task) to be approved by the General Manager to expedite requirements.
- **Recommendations approved from the General Manager:**
 - **Indoor Pool Ventilation:** A proposal from Northern Bay Environmental Systems, Inc. to replace the original/deteriorated canvas ductwork ventilation system for \$11,000.
 - **Gym Maintenance:** Renew the RMS Fitness Equipment maintenance contract for two years, February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023. The agreement is for one visit every three months at a rate of \$350/visit (\$1,400/year) for work performed on four treadmills, two ellipticals, four stationary bicycles, and six strengthening pieces of equipment. Repairs will be resolved at a separate rate.

HOA Reference Materials: Want to know more about any of the Board votes made at HOA meetings? The information the Board receives to make those decisions is placed on the Symphony Village Website several days prior to each meeting. To review that Reference Materials, click on this link: [Link to Reference Materials here](#). To know even more about our community and Board decisions, join the Symphony Village Committees and participate in their discussions before recommendations are provided to the Board for a vote!

Bipartisan Meet & Greet: The Board thanks all residents who made time to attend the bipartisan meet and greet event—it was well attended! On September 3, the Board provided an opportunity for residents to talk with Town of Centreville Council candidates: Eric Johnson, Ashley Kaiser, and Tim McCluskey. There are two open seats to be filled this year. One seat is held by incumbent Tim McCluskey (a three-year term), the

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other is an existing seat held by former Council member Bob Hardy (a two-year term). Please get to know these candidates, email them with your questions, then vote on October 4!

Candidates' Contact Info: Town of Centreville Council candidates welcome your questions, your donations/contributions, and are glad to provide a yard sign. Here's their contact info:

- Eric Johnson: Email: ericbjohnson1976@gmail.com Phone: 410-490-6889
- Ashley Kaiser: Email: ashleyhkaiser@gmail.com; Phone: 410-758-7067
- Tim McCluskey: Email: timmcccluskey1@gmail.com; Phone: 443-262-5729

Town of Centreville Council Election / Mark Your Calendars! The election will be held on October 4, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Vincit Building, located at 110 Vincit Street in Centreville. It's important to reach out to all three candidates to ask questions about your concerns and desires for the Town and our community in order to evaluate the candidates' stand on issues, learn about their leadership abilities, review campaign materials, and *seek the opinions of others in Symphony Village who know our community's history and keep track of our local politicians' past decisions.* The most important thing you can do for the Town and our community is to know your candidates and vote smartly.

Register to vote! If you are a new resident or not yet registered to vote, please stop by the Queen Anne's County Board of Elections in the Vincit Building located at 110 Vincit Street in Centreville (across from the Acme). The Board of Elections is open by appointment only! Their phone number is 410-758-0832 to schedule an appointment to register. If you prefer to vote via an absentee ballot, please call the Town Hall at 410-758-1180. Your vote can make a difference!

League of Women Voters Bipartisan Forum/Mark Your Calendars! On Wednesday, September 22, at 7 p.m., the Board encourages residents to attend the Forum for Centreville Town Council candidates being hosted by the QAC League of Women Voters in the Planning & Zoning Room of the Vincit Building (110 Vincit Street in Centreville). The public is invited to participate in person or via QACTV/Facebook or QAC.org/live to learn more about the three Council candidates: Eric Johnson, Ashley Kaiser, and Tim McCluskey. We encourage you to attend the Forum and reach out to candidates to ask your questions to ensure the best future for Centreville and our community.

Important: Face masks are mandatory for unvaccinated and vaccinated attendees at the Forum for Centreville Town Council Candidates.

Hybrid Meeting Capability: The Board has been working to obtain capability in the Clubhouse to allow the community to hold hybrid meetings. (Hybrid is the term used for the ability to hold an in-person meeting simultaneously with a virtual meeting.) On September 9, the Board succeeded! The community was able to have its first hybrid HOA meeting with Board members attending in the Concert Hall with residents attending in that room or from the comfort of their home. For the next HOA meeting, we will try to incorporate a closed caption capability for those who



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require it. While we believed a microphone would distort the sound setup for the September 9 meeting, we will try it soon to determine if that may help enhance audio for a future HOA meeting.

CDC and State of Maryland COVID Guidance: The Board continues to monitor the coronavirus situation on a daily basis. We urge anyone going into the Clubhouse to wear a face mask if they feel more comfortable. The Board will continue using CDC and State of Maryland guidance: Face masks are requested in the Clubhouse for those who are not vaccinated.

Staff Update: General Manager, Rebecca Cook, will be out of the office and on vacation September 15 – 22. She's getting married! During her absence our competent Executive Assistant, Angela, will be the point of contact for HOA requirements, with support from the Board of Directors.

Mark Your Calendars!

HOA Amended Documents Discussion Town Hall	Next HOA Community Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 28	Date: Friday, October 22
Time: 6 p.m.	Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Concert Hall, Clubhouse	Location: Concert Hall, Clubhouse

The Board Thanks Symphony Village Volunteers! Without a doubt, the success of this community is due in large part to the teamwork, dogged determination, research, creativity, writing and publishing skills, physical and craft skills, hands-on work, and remarkable support by our volunteers. Some volunteers contribute through committees, while others find their own unique way to benefit the community and its residents. What they all have in common is their generosity in giving their time and energy to make this a well-run community for us all. *To every volunteer, the Board's appreciation goes out to you! Thank you!*

Looking Forward to Hearing from You!

The *Libretto* editors look forward to additional quotes from residents for the November newsletter. Please email your thoughts on what it meant to you to be a veteran to Debi Wells, debwells2011@gmail.com.

Anita Gruss
 Manager



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

The Artisans Guild presents our newest art showings—*Architecture*. Please join us for the Opening Reception on Sunday, September 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Concert Halls. Mark your calendar to meet the artists, have some snacks and a beverage, and enjoy the featured artists whose work will only be on display for that afternoon.

Each artist represented will present their interpretation of the theme of the show. It's always fun to ask, "What were you thinking?" While most artists will abide by the theme, there may be some exceptions.

We are very pleased to present the works of Robert Ciesielski this month. Robert will display many of the art pieces he created throughout his career. So, please take this opportunity to view his work in person. I guarantee it will be worth the trip to the Clubhouse.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

JOHN OLSON – CERT COORDINATOR



National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The campaign focuses on different aspects of preparedness for individuals, families, and communities. Please take some time this month to review or begin the following activities:

Make a Plan

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the Coronavirus.

See <https://www.ready.gov/plan>

Build a Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control. See

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness

Natural disasters don't wait for a convenient time. Preparing for them shouldn't wait either. Start today by signing up for alerts, safe-guarding important documents, and taking



other low cost and no cost preparedness actions to lessen the impact of disasters and emergencies for you and your family.

For additional preparedness information customized for Symphony Village, check out the SV CERT web pages at <https://sv-info.org/cert-files/prepare.html>

COVENANTS COMMITTEE

VICKI KOBER, CHAIR

House Maintenance

Symphony Village homeowners are responsible for the maintenance on the exterior structure of their houses. This includes the cleaning and painting of doors, shutters, door frames, trim, foundations, dormer windows including the glass and includes maintenance of the siding/brick/stone on the exterior of the house as well as patios, lights, and house number plaques. Exterior maintenance is subject to periodic inspection by the HOA. If a homeowner wishes to change the color of their door and/or shutters, they must submit an Exterior Modification Form.

Residential Property Owners

Owners are required to submit plans (described below) to, and receive written approval from, the Covenants Committee prior to performing additions, alterations, or modifications to (1) existing house, (2) exterior painting, (3) landscaping, (4) any exception to or deviation from the Architectural Requirements, or (5) any concrete work, ancillary equipment, signage, and any and all other such on-site modifications not listed in the Architectural Requirements, as well as all requirements of the Declaration. Approved color, stone, and brick selections are provided by the HOA Management Office.

Submittals for Changes and Addition

The Owner shall submit an Exterior Modification Form as provided in Appendix B showing the plans for the proposed improvement as follows:

Landscape Description: For landscaping plan approval, or amendments to an approved landscaping plan, the Owner shall submit one (1) copy of the landscaping plan for the Lot, including a description of all varieties and sizes of trees and shrubs, with the location of each tree and shrub clearly delineated on the plan.

Hardscape Description: In the event the Owner desires to install any hardscape, including but not limited to brick, masonry, railroad ties, wood trim concrete, rocks, or other inert material, such items shall be clearly marked on the landscape plan and a legend shall be provided to allow the reviewer to easily determine the location and type of material.



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Summer at Symphony Village has been filled with food, fun, and activities! The official end of summer was celebrated with the Symphony Village Labor Day Picnic! Thanks to Carol Peed and Annette Nelson for co-chairing this successful event. Many neighbors attended and enjoyed the picnic. Food provided by Hot Off the Coals was a huge hit! The winner of the HOA Raffle, sponsored by Sneakers, was Carol Donnelly. Carol will have her 2022 HOA dues paid!! Congratulations! The time capsule, buried 15 years ago by original buyers in Symphony Village, was to have been exhumed and opened at the picnic; but, alas, it could not be found! Efforts are being made to locate the time capsule and it will be opened at a later date. Stay tuned for updates!



Pete Patterson at the Labor Day picnic contemplating his bocce strategy.

Mark Your Calendars:

The Symphony Village Garage Sale will be held on September 18, from 8 a.m. until noon. Enjoy walking the neighborhood to find treasures and meet new neighbors. Don't miss out on this event!

Enjoy the first Social Hour of October with a German flair! Oktoberfest will be the theme for Social Hour on October 1, at 6 p.m. Bratwurst will be available for purchase at \$2 each and German beer will be provided and served by our resident brew masters, Skip and Donna. Please bring appetizers and desserts to reflect German culture, if possible. Come hungry!

The Seva Stress Relief class is scheduled for October 5, at 7 p.m. This one-hour class is designed to teach self-acupressure which has been found to be beneficial in relieving stress. The cost for the class is \$20. Bring an exercise mat and get ready to RELAX!

The Symphony Village Dog Show will be held on October 16 at 1 p.m. Sign up to enter your four-legged friends in this highly anticipated PAWgeant for canine lovers. The fee to enter starts at \$5. Look out for more information through eBlast and other community publications.

The Social Hour on November 5 at 6 p.m. will be highlighted by a one-hour vocal and guitar performance by former Sweet Adeline songstress, Kathy Jones. Come to the Clubhouse Card Room and listen to classic rock from the 70s and 80s. Donations will be collected to show Kathy our appreciation.



OUTREACH

Coming soon—Outreach 13th Annual Food Drive.

LORETTA QUIGLEY

Your Outreach team is proud to sponsor its 13th Annual Food Drive in partnership with Social Services of QAC for the upcoming holiday season. The drive will take place November 8 to 12. Until last year, we collected various food items for distribution—nearly a ton—for each of 11 consecutive years.

As many of you remember, COVID19 interrupted that effort and we collected money to turn into \$10 gift cards from Acme and Food Lion instead. Both stores also added a few cards to the purchase. We collected nearly \$5,000 and presented over 500 gift cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We will, once again, be collecting money since the fundraiser was so successful and so easy for everyone who wanted to participate.

An advertisement for "Dress Your Windows" with a teal background. The text lists services: "Draperies, Valances, Upholstery", "Blinds, Shades, Shutters", and "Motorized Window Treatments". It includes the slogan "We bring our showroom to you", the company name "Dress Your Windows", "Custom Window Covering", the phone number "410-353-7940", the website "www.DressYourWindows.com", and the email "Joanie@dressyourwindows.com". There is a logo of a window with a green and blue design.

Please mark your calendars for November 8 - 12. We will be asking for your gift in \$10 increments for whatever amount you feel comfortable giving. The donation will be turned into gift cards once again. More information and details will be available in the coming weeks. If you are going to be out of town and wish to participate, Outreach can take your donation earlier.

Please contact Loretta Quigley, Event Chair at 410 758 6775 or lorettaquigley@yahoo.com. if you have any questions. As always, your participation in this once-a-year endeavor means so much to so many.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE CARD PARTY

CARLENE COOKE

**Announcing the
12th Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party
On Thursday, November 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
At the Symphony Village Clubhouse
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It is that time again—time to get your group together and sign up in the Card and Game Party Notebook in the Wall Street Room for the 12th Annual Card and Game Party. Remember to mark the signup sheet COMPLETE if your table is full.

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

If you need help organizing a table, please contact Sue Peterson at 410-474-0253 or sdpeterson71@gmail.com. Other questions, please contact either Sue or Carlene Cooke at 301-367-2942 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.

*We are moving forward with our plans but be aware that we are marking it *tentative* since we are dependent on the status of the COVID crisis.

If you have not been vaccinated, we'll see you next year!

IPHONE TIPS

TERRI O'CONNELL




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SV NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

MARGE STRANO, CHAIR

The next Neighbor-to-Neighbor meeting will be held via Zoom on September 22 at 7:15 p.m. I had considered having an indoor meeting; however, with the current COVID situation, I thought it best to schedule via Zoom or outdoor under the Pavillion depending on Clubhouse restrictions. Please email or call me with your concerns prior to the meeting. If we have a meeting outside it would be earlier in the day from 2 or 3 p.m. What are your thoughts? You will receive an email update a week before the meeting.

Thank you for all of the work you have continued to do over the last year. We are all fortunate to have such caring, thoughtful, and capable people in the SV community.

Volunteers Needed—An Invitation to Join Us

Neighbor-to-Neighbor needs one or two additional volunteers to help out on a couple of streets. Volunteers contact neighbors in time of need or when there is a special occasion by sending cards, making calls, sending emails, or simply by knocking on the neighbor's door when necessary. The cards that we send are provided to you. There is a short half-hour orientation that can be given by telephone or in person. Although we usually have six meetings a year, we currently have meetings on an *need basis*.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor provides a great opportunity for new residents to connect with the community and for current residents to reconnect with the community, especially if you have just retired. If you are interested, please send me an email at mbestrano@gmail.com or call 410-758-2511. We look forward to meeting you!

Click on 'Elect Ashley Kaiser' to see her resume.

VOTE on October 4th!

I live here in Centreville with my husband, Harry, and our one-year old son, Zebulon. I am an attorney and non-profit professional with experience as an advocate at all levels of government.

My family and I love this town but know that the town government can provide better service to its residents and be more efficient.

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SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

Sneakers is happy to announce that Carol Donnelly was the winner of our HOA dues raffle. The best part of the raffle is that all 300 tickets were sold and that, after paying the HOA dues, Sneakers will profit over \$4,800 provided our HOA dues do not increase. That means, due to the unbelievable generosity of the residents of Symphony Village, we will be able to fund projects to help the local schools feeding into Queen Anne's High School. Thank you all.

As the rules for helping in the schools are very strict, we will await answers about how to have our *Reading Is for Leaders* book giveaways and other volunteering opportunities

Our next meeting will be September 15 at 3 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Remember, everyone in the village is welcome to join us anytime



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THE GIVING TREE

This year we are introducing a new name for our annual Santa Tree. For newcomers, this is an activity in which Sneakers adopts needy families from the local elementary schools to help them celebrate the holidays. We are now in the process of obtaining the information on the children that we will be sponsoring by way of our Giving Tree. Details will be in next month's *Libretto*.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MARYKAY KERR

One of the interesting things about our SV Website is the wealth of information on it. Recently, I was looking for something and knew it was in a previous issue of the *Libretto*.

There are years of the publication on the SV Website. As I searched through the issues, many articles caught my eye and distracted my search for my original item. It was a very interesting look back through the issues of the *Libretto*.

One thing that caught my eye were recipes. Why don't we have recipes in the *Libretto* anymore? We all enjoy good food, and we certainly have many, many good cooks in our community. So let's give it a try.

Let's have a Recipe of the Month column. If you are interested, submit a recipe to the Editors by the tenth of the month, and we will select a recipe to feature in the *Libretto*. Don't forget your name so that we can give you credit. Here's to good eating!

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NEIGHBOR OF NOTE—ED SULLIVAN

KATHRYN MARCHI

How many of us can say that we realized a childhood dream? Ed Sullivan, Symphony Village's *Neighbor of Note*, can certainly answer that question without hesitation.



Born in Woburn, Massachusetts, Ed knew from an early age he wanted to become a pilot. After graduating from high school, he decided to enlist in the Navy. He attended the usual boot camp at Great Lakes and other schools in Pensacola and Memphis.

To realize his dream of becoming a Navy pilot, Ed focused on the United States Naval Academy. He applied and was accepted to the Naval Academy Prep School and studied for one year until he earned his place at the Naval Academy. His admission day in June of 1964 was, according to Ed, "totally life changing" for him. The academy was the beginning of a brilliant and distinguished Naval career, both in the air and on the ground.

Upon graduation, Ed was accepted to flight school in Pensacola and Corpus Christi where his childhood dream became a reality. Little did Ed realize how much adventure, satisfaction, and danger becoming a Navy Pilot would bring throughout his Navy career.

Earning his Wings in October of 1969, Ed was sent to Viet Nam where he flew OV 10 Bronco aircraft in VAL-4, the world-renowned Black Ponies. He flew over 360 combat missions in that plane, in support of Army and Navy units on the ground. On one mission, Ed flew to the South Mekong Delta in support of a group of Navy Seals who were trapped by enemy forces. According to Ed, he will never forget watching those Seals walk out of the jungle, safely. It's no wonder that Ed earned numerous Air Medals during that tour with the Black Ponies.



After Viet Nam, Ed was assigned to fly the Navy P3 Orion Anti-Submarine Warfare plane that tracked Russian submarines and surface vessels from Iceland throughout the Mediterranean and on to Bermuda. He also served aboard the Aircraft Carrier *USS Independence* as an air traffic control officer. As a pilot, he was tasked with flying a C1 cargo plane, making 80 carrier landings. Ed says “You never forget your first carrier landing”!

Ed continued his Navy career on the ground. He was stationed at the Pentagon where he oversaw financial aid to our allies, specifically Turkey and Germany, and their contracts with American companies. Ed then took his turn with recruiting duty out of Albany, New York. While recruiting naval Aviators, Ed’s team was also seeking other Naval Officers such as doctors, nurses, nuclear power specialists, and other professionals. The recruitment team was asked not to return to the University of Massachusetts, due to a dispute with the university’s administration and a local activist group. Demonstrations then ensued over the matter and this landed Ed’s picture on the front page of the University of Massachusetts newspaper. Ed was once again in the “line of fire,” this time on a college campus!



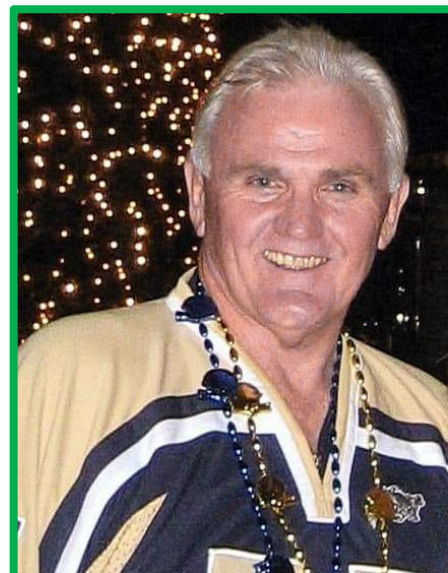
One noteworthy tour of duty for Ed and his family was on the green volcanic islands of the Azores. Ed served as Deputy Commander of the Naval Air Facility Lajes Azores, Portugal. The beauty of these islands really impressed Ed and he enjoyed the tour. Being the athlete that he was, Ed and friends decided to climb Mt. Pico and ended up sleeping in a lava cave in the Caldera. It was a freezing night spent in sleeping bags designed for very short-statured folk—Ed said that he will not forget that adventure as a 6'5" man!

Next up for Ed was a tour of duty as Maintenance Officer for a P3 squadron in Brunswick, Maine. His last tour in the US Navy took Ed back to New England as the FAA and NATO Navy representative for the East Coast. After this tour, Ed retired after proudly serving 27 years of active duty in the US Navy. He moved to Reston, Virginia and became a “Beltway Bandit.” Retiring once again, he moved to a golfing community in Selbyville, Delaware.

Happily, after that move, Ed met his wife Kathleen through friends and they eventually moved to Symphony Village in 2012. They have four children between them.

As Naval Academy graduates typically hold friendships with fellow “Boat Schoolers,” Ed was instrumental in convincing some of his friends to move to Symphony Village: Jim and Patti Niehaus, Bob and Karen Eaves, and Joe Sikes and Jan Withers. Kathleen’s sister, Debi and husband Bill Wells also live in Symphony Village, making this a true *family affair*!

One thing you might not know is that Ed Sullivan is an athlete playing basketball, baseball, and football throughout his life. He played League Baseball as a pitcher well into his fifties and loves the game of golf. You might guess that he follows professional football—New England Patriots and now Tampa Bay and Tom Brady! Ed’s claim to fame is that he once visited Roger Staubach and actually touched the Heisman Trophy. And, of course, being from Massachusetts, Ed roots for the Boston Red Sox.



Unfortunately, in October, 2020, Ed suffered a stroke. He is currently going through rehabilitation and, being the strong individual that he is, the recovery is going well. Ed is determined to get back on the golf course. He is extremely grateful for the support of his family, Navy shipmates and friends, and Ed’s *warrior spirit* will see him through this latest battle.

Ed Sullivan is NAVY through and through as you might have guessed. He certainly achieved his childhood dream of becoming a Navy pilot.

Ed is still connected to the Navy today, serving as President of the Eastern Shore Council of the United States Navy League in Easton, Maryland.

Goooooo Navy!



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Open Bocce is now meeting each Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the SV bocce courts.

Bocce Fun Facts

Thanks to everyone who helped make the SV bocce courts new again! The new courts make playing the game so enjoyable; players no longer fear the risk of catching splinters on old wood! The handicap accessible court has been appreciated too. Stop by on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. to participate or watch new and old residents perfecting their game. A tournament is planned for September 22—the race is on for the treasured McNeil Cup.



SV Bocce players practiced their hearts out at the Labor Day picnic for the 2021 Mc Neil cup bocce tournament to be held on September 22. The tournament is open to all SV residents so come out and try to win the coveted Mc Neil cup presently held by Amy and Jay Landen. Pictured Brenda Fellows.



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GOLF—A HOLE IN ONE

Nick Petrosillo shot a hole in one at Blue Heron Golf Course on September 8 on the 15th hole—a par 3. Great shot Nick!

*Witnessed by Jim Farmer,
Ira Ehrenfeld, & Mike King*



LUNCH BUNCH, OCTOBER 7, 2021

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO



On Thursday, October 7, our luncheon has been scheduled for the Limoncello Italian Restaurant and WineBar located at 200 S. Talbot Street in St. Michaels. [If you click on the image](#), it will direct you to Limoncello's website and [menu](#). This outing will be our first time at Limoncello. The restaurant is located in the heart of St. Michaels. Hopefully, October 7 will be a beautiful day to stroll through the streets of St. Michaels.

The Lunch Bunch is a wonderful social way for new neighbors to meet people in Symphony Village and also get visit local restaurants and interesting destinations. Please consider joining us. We simply go to the restaurant and order off the menu. Do you have a favorite restaurant? Let us know. We are always looking for new luncheon destinations.

You can sign up to attend by using the Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link. You can also go to the Symphony Village Website and click on the Dashboard. Scroll down to the Lunch Bunch Icon near the bottom of the page. If you prefer to sign up in person, you can sign up in the Clubs Activities Book at the Clubhouse.

Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have any new lunching destinations, questions, need directions, or need a ride.

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EXCITEMENT AT THE TENNIS COURTS

BOB AMSEL

Two court games are now offered at the Village Tennis Courts: Pickleball and Gentle Senior Tennis.

You can try your hand at Pickleball on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Stop by and say **Hello** to Captain George Drake, Rosemary, Amy, Norm, Tom, Wayne, and many others. They are very welcoming to all who stop by.

The new Sunday morning Gentle Tennis Program meets at 9 a.m. starting July 15 and continues through November. It features one court with ball machine-fed easy balls for lots of forehand and backhand strokes' practice. Running and dashing is not allowed! This is good safe fun. Ask Pat, Bonnie, John, Tony, Wayne, and Bob.

On the other court, a more active version of gentle tennis is played in Doubles Teams competition. The winner is the team that can keep the ball in play for the longest rallies. Ball control is the skill that wins. If competition is more your thing, you will find plenty of it here. On any given Sunday, both games are possible. It all depends on who shows up at the courts.

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QUILTING GROUP!

CARLENE COOKE

While the Quilting Group does not formally meet during the summer, we stayed busy with ongoing projects and also once again made Christmas stockings for the Troops. We were able to send 57 stockings to be filled with goodies and necessities for our soldiers.

We met at the Pavilion in late August for a photo op with the stockings. Several members could not be present that day, but proudly displaying the colorful stockings from left to right are Betty Gingerich, Sue Peterson, Barbara Muller (whose sister made us aware of this project a few years ago), and Carlene Cooke.





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READING FOR FUN—SEPTEMBER 2021 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met virtually on August 17 to discuss *Whither We Tend* by Christopher German. Attendees included Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Carol Saltiel, Cathy Olson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, JoAnn Walker, and Mary Jo Volpicelli. The book is a first novel, written by my son-in-law who is currently working as the second mate on a small cruise ship in Alaska. We had hoped he could zoom into our meeting, but he only has a Wi-Fi connection when the ship is in port at Juneau. I am sure he is eagerly awaiting his Book Club score.

My connection with this novel is personal due to my contact with the author while he was writing it. His fictional concept was to explore what could happen following events similar to the 2020 election if the far right and far left found common cause, since they shared a distrust of the establishment. Given that premise, the Book Club was impressed at the complex scenario (albeit scary) and numerous characters the author created, especially for a first-time novel.

He also produces an unexpected plot twist which not only fooled me the first time I read the book but caught me with my pants down again when I re-read it before the Book Club. The author envisions a trilogy and the plot twist left the club hanging without a clear lead into the next book. Unfortunately, his current employment has slowed progress on the next installment, so we will remain on the edge of our seats.

The novel was written in a compressed time frame during the pandemic and was self-published on Amazon which means many of the editorial tasks were done by the author and our daughter. The Book Club was very lenient in critiquing the book because I know where they live. Jan and I were very appreciative of their constructive comments. Most comments were what you would expect from a first novel written in a compressed time frame.

The plot moves along very quickly making for an easy read but the connections between the various factions and events could have used more development in many cases. The same is true for the main characters. Gus Spiros is a militia type who was the most captivating (if not likeable) character. Readers felt Simon Gates, Gus's mild-mannered opposite, had less depth even though he was more likeable. Sue Goldberg, our resident editor, was grinding her teeth at some of the grammatical and spelling problems that a better funded project would have been able to correct.

Like Sue, readers applauded the effort; however, they gave the author credit for producing a very readable novel. The ability and imagination to construct the complex story line would be beyond my reach for sure. We gave the book a score of 6.1 on our 10 point scale. Interestingly, this rating is almost two points

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higher than we awarded John LeCarre two months ago—the famous spy novelist has had numerous movies made from his stories, so hope springs eternal!

Our upcoming books are listed below. We continue to meet on Zoom, so contact me at sikes.withers@yahoo.com if you would like to attend. The Clubhouse has created the hybrid system which may allow a combination of in person and Zoom attendees.

September 21—*Four Lost Cities: A Secret History of the Urban Age* by Annalee Newitz

October 19—*When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

VETERAN RESIDENTS ANSWER ‘WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY.’

DEBI WELLS, PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS LIAISON

During this time, when being patriotic can have a variety of definitions, Publications & Communications asked residents for their quote to describe what it means to be a part of the veteran workforce to have served our country. I found out that most veterans are truly humble and want no recognition. After two or three nudges, this article was compiled.

To me, writing this piece was a reminder of what we do best in this community: take care of one another, take care of this country we love, and doing both with no need for acknowledgement or reciprocation. I'm sure you will enjoy reading these quotes as much as I did.

Bob Eaves: I enjoyed every aspect of being a Naval Aviator, from the pre-dawn calm on the flight line through the times when all of your flying skills were being tested. I didn't think much about my tour in Vietnam when I was young. It was just something I did. Some close classmates from the Naval Academy and my best friend from high school were casualties of that war. Now, being a father, and knowing some Gold Star Parents, I have an even clearer sense of the gravity of the sacrifices so many great young people have made. I'm definitely a better person because of my experiences in the military, and I honor the young men and women who continue to put themselves in harm's way today.

John (“Jack”) Cohen: I was in the Army 1965-1968. It taught me love and respect for our country, our flag and our veterans. We are a band of brothers that feel pain when any U.S. military person is killed or things go bad. This is the best country on earth.

John Lewis: USMC 1956-1960. I was a pre-war baby and was old enough to see this country work together for a common good. I vividly remember victory gardens, victory stamps, ration cards, D-Day headlines, fighter cutouts in Wheaties boxes, pledge of allegiance, gas masks, a singing junk man with a mule-driven cart, Iwo



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Joseph Lichaa: I was in combat in Vietnam and was proud to serve my country, because I was a man without a country until I became a citizen of the United States of America.

Jim Kindle/DK2: I was active in the U.S. Navy from 1965 through 1968 as everyone at that time had a six-year military obligation. I considered it an honor to serve my country and wore the uniform of the United States Navy with great pride. The sound of fireworks on the July 4th remind me of our ship's shore bombardment training exercises on the Island of Culebra, Puerto Rico, in preparation of deployment to Vietnam. Culebra is now a vacation destination.

Tom and Nancy Meringolo: Nancy and I are very proud of our respective fathers. My Dad served in the U.S. Marine Corps and fought in the very nasty and horrible Korean War. Nancy's Dad served in the Navy as a member of a Destroyer Escort Crew in the bitterly cold North Atlantic. Both men are part of the Greatest Generation and understandably so. It is through our fathers that all in our family understand the true meaning of honor, duty, loyalty to our flag and nation.

MaryJo Volpicelli: I am very proud that my husband served in the United States Air Force before I knew him.

Thank you to all who were willing to share their experience and response. Each quote, I am sure you will agree, is exceptional. **Looking forward to additional quotes:** The *Libretto* editors look forward to additional quotes from residents for the November newsletter. Please email your thoughts on what it meant to you to be a veteran to Debi Wells, debwells2011@gmail.com



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