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## **SYMPHONY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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### **2022 SV HOA BOD**

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 4, 2022**

**PAT FOX, PRESIDENT**

- **Snow Removal**

- Unusual snowy season Eastern Shore so far two storms: 12–13 inches
- Cost for 3 inches of removal and applying deicer—driveways, walkways, parking lots/sidewalks
  - \$18,000
- Removal over budget — \$71,000 vs \$40,000 in budget
- Amortizing this over the last 7–8 years with only two major storms minimizes the cost each year
- Good contractor – Chester River (CR)
  - Very little annual price increase over time—stays in the 18,000 per 3"
  - No retainer cost whether they plow or not
  - CR moves equipment into position beforehand
  - Quick mobilization
  - Responsive to our requests for sturdy poles to mark manholes, poly edges on four sides of blades to eliminate scarifying driveways
- Resident reminder for best service: if you can, please move cars into garage before snowfall

- If you cannot, please understand that CR cannot get equipment around/in between two cars due to tight spacing. Damage to vehicles is a possibility even with snow shovels
- CR will remove snow on the sidewalk at driveway edge and the apron to street

- **Governing documents**

- Another extremely misleading email was sent around SV about same issue—attorney in fact
- Once again makes it sound like if you vote to approve change to bylaws, it allows the board to make decisions on your property—no it only covers common area board decisions
- It also states the board attorney only works for the board. Not incorrect—our attorney works for all of SV protecting our rights and responsibilities in many ways from evaluating contracts, handling claims and lawsuits, keeping us current on state HOA law changes, industry best practices etc.
- While this proposed change in the bylaws is only one of the changes proposed that owners need to vote on—and you can make up your own mind and read the explanations that have been stated and distributed, we want to reassure you that there is nothing devious on the part of the board and the document review committee members regarding the other suggestions.
- The effort is to update our regulations based on the law, best practices, how we operate today, and especially how we want to operate in the future such as changing board terms to two years and having a democratic process for filling vacancies.
- Please do not let these emails and their false assertions—made despite our multiple explanations—make you suspect the rest of the items to vote on.
- This is a standard update that HOAs periodically conduct, especially after the developer is finished. Our documents were originally drafted in 2003.

**TRIAL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT SECTION ADDED AT END OF BOARD MEETINGS**

**BOARD OF DIR.**

To support communications between residents, the Board of Directors would like to have a trial *Community Announcements* session for Villagers right after the adjournment of the regular HOA meetings. *Community Announcements* would be to promote charitable causes (community, church, or your own favorite benevolent event) or a message to service or help Symphony Village. For example, do you need another billiard player; do you want to remind residents of a community activity time change; post a need for participants for a non-committee activity, etc.? Symphony Village committee announcements, as always, would be included in the regular meeting agenda.

*Community Announcements* will not be private in nature such as selling personal items, nor will they be included in Board meeting minutes. However, it could be a good way to support charitable and community activities.

**HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2022**

**DEBI WELLS, HOA BOD SECRETARY**

January 2021 Electronic Board Approvals: There were two unanimous electronic votes during January that were ratified by the Board at the February 4 HOA meeting. Both votes were time sensitive and required action prior to the February HOA meeting. Approved were: (1) a weed spot treatment in residential and common areas by Level Green before Spring to better control weeds this year and (2) approval of new underwater lights for the indoor pool and spa by Anchor Aquatics. For more information about these votes, please review the Secretary’s Report within the *Reference Materials* for the February 4 HOA meeting on the Governance website.

January 19 Town Hall: Wanting to best support the quality and timeliness of community obligations with an aging infrastructure and staff management requirements, the Board held a Town Hall with the Millersville (Md)



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Professional Management Company Inc. (ProCom) to better understand the potential benefit of hiring a property management company. A question-and-answer session with residents was held at the end of the session and an eBlast was sent on January 21 with a link to the Town Hall video recording to ensure all residents were provided the opportunity to view it.

February 4 HOA Meeting Board Votes: There were three votes approved at the February 4 HOA meeting, they were:

1. A revision to the Operations Committee membership and all Committee officers not previously approved at the January 14 meeting.
2. The Landscape & Irrigation (L&I) Committee's recommendation for preventative measures for two groups of trees. One group of trees (to the left of the Clubhouse) had nutrient deficiencies; the other group (at the entrance of Bravo Way) had root rot. Both required treatment to ensure the community's goal of having healthy trees. Treatments are anticipated in April and July by Bartlett Tree Services for ~\$1.2K from the L&I budget.
3. The contract with Breezeline (formerly Atlantic BroadBand) for a two-year renewal for Clubhouse telephone, Internet, and cable. Cost details are available in the *Reference Materials* for this HOA Board meeting.

**HOA Board Meeting Reference Materials:** The information, RFPs and contracts the Board receives to make decisions and vote is placed on the Symphony Village Website several days prior to each meeting. To review that Reference Material, click on this link, <https://symphonyvillage.net/governance-landing-2021>.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### ARTISANS GUILD

KATHY McMANUS, CO-CHAIR

Our new show **COASTAL** will open on March 13 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. We will collect pieces for the show on Thursday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Gil Hoffman will be our featured artist.

We invite all artists and artisans in the Village to participate. You can find the submission forms and a waiver for 2022 on the SV Website.



Joan Dominelli will teach a class on making bookmarks using greeting cards (see photo) on Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The class is limited to 10. If you're interested, please contact Cathy Olson ([shop.5678@icloud.com](mailto:shop.5678@icloud.com)) or Kathy McManus

([kpmcmanus317@yahoo.com](mailto:kpmcmanus317@yahoo.com)) to sign up.

Please join fellow painters on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Craft Room to share ideas and get inspiration. Peggy Decker is the point of contact ([phdeck700@gmail.com](mailto:phdeck700@gmail.com)).

The Guild bid farewell to George Drake recently and thanked him for all his contributions. We wish he and Mary all the best in their new community.



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### REMINDER FOR EXTERIOR MODIFICATION PROCESS

The Exterior Modification Form can be obtained from the main office or from the [Website](#)

- The Exterior Modification must be received a minimum of one week prior to the Covenants Committee monthly meeting to be considered at that meeting.
- Only one identified project per Exterior Modification Form is to be submitted.
- Complete all sections and attach required pertinent information, plat, detailed drawings, photo of location of proposed project, etc., to avoid delay in processing the Exterior Modification Form.
- The Covenants Committee will contact the homeowner to schedule a site review for the project proposed on the Exterior Modification Form.
- The Covenants Committee shall act on all matters promptly within 45 days. Work shall not begin until the homeowner receives written approval from the HOA Management.
- Any changes to the scope of work by the homeowner or contractor require resubmission of the Exterior Modification Form.
- Final review by the Covenants Committee is required after completion of the Exterior Modification Process. Please contact HOA management upon completion.
- Approved Exterior Modifications must commence in three months and must be completed within nine months after approval. If not, a new Exterior Modification Form must be submitted by the homeowner.

### RETURN COMPLETED EXTERIOR MODIFICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

HOA Management Office, 100 Symphony Way, Centreville, MD 21617

410-758-8500

[GM@symphonyvillagehoa.com](mailto:GM@symphonyvillagehoa.com)

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## LADIES SOCIAL HOUR

CARLENE COOKE

### LADIES' SOCIAL HOUR APRIL 28 SPONSORED BY THE SYMPHONY VILLAGE QUILT GROUP

Originally scheduled for February 24 and postponed due to COVID and other factors, The Symphony Village Quilting Group will host the April 28 Ladies' Social Hour. The theme will be **Valentine's in April**, and we will be collecting donations for the American Heart Association.\* If you would like to participate, there will be a donation box on the *table* where you first sign in. Cash is preferred.

It will be a fun evening, so please sign up, wear red or pink, and we look forward to seeing you there!

*\*Heart disease is the #1 killer of women in this country.*



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## LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION

TOM MCMANUS, CHAIR

### IT MAY BE TIME TO RETHINK OUR LAWNS & LANDSCAPES

This is an abbreviated version of an article from the University of Maryland Extension Service by Christa Carignan, Maryland Certified Professional Horticulturist.

A lush green lawn is often expected as part of the typical American home landscape. Are expectations of a lush green lawn realistic?



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## WHY IS IT DIFFICULT TO GROW A LAWN IN MARYLAND?

**Maryland is located in a climate transition zone that is not favorable for growing lawn grasses.** The transition zone is a region of the United States where temperate and subtropical climates meet. Cool-season turfgrasses such as turf-type tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass are adapted to temperate climates whereas warm-season grasses like zoysia grass grow best in subtropical regions. Both cool- and warm-season turfgrasses can grow in Maryland, but our state's climate is not favorable for either group of grasses over the entire year. This makes it a constant challenge to try to maintain a healthy lawn. [Turfgrasses are not native to Maryland.](#)

Does a home lawn have to look perfectly uniform, lush green, and weed-free? Community rules and expectations and powerful advertising for lawn care products suggest that it does. We may be influenced by the way our parents maintained a lawn or what our neighbors do. The pressure to conform to expectations about lawn care is often high. But maintaining a perfect-looking lawn, even using science-based recommendations, is often difficult to achieve. Why?

- Grass will not grow well in every situation.
- Monoculture is unnatural and susceptible to problems.
- Weeds are normal and to be expected.

## THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING A LAWN

Lawns require constant maintenance—even if you choose [organic lawn care](#), [soil testing](#), [fertilization](#), [mowing](#), [aeration](#), and [overseeding](#) are all essential practices that must be done on a regular basis to maintain a healthy lawn. This maintenance comes with costs. Mowing is necessary but can lead to problems if done incorrectly.

- Highly managed lawns provide little to no floral resources to feed bees and other beneficial insects. Lawns devoid of plant diversity do not support healthy populations of beneficial insects.
- Watering lawns is a wasteful use of a limited natural resource. Nationwide, outdoor water use accounts for 30 percent of household use. (Source: U.S. EPA).
- Traditional lawn care contributes to carbon emissions and climate change.
- Applying herbicide each spring to control crabgrass is not a good long-term solution.

## TIMES ARE CHANGING...AND SO ARE PERSPECTIVES ABOUT HOME LANDSCAPES

Climate change and more extreme, unpredictable weather patterns are making it even more challenging to grow lawns in Maryland. Unprecedented rainfall recently disrupted the timing and efficacy of herbicides, shortened the window of opportunity or overseeding, and left some lawn areas inundated.

Our environment is changing, and our lifestyles are changing. It may be time to rethink the traditional lawn.

- **How much lawn is enough?** Think about how much of your yard you actually use.
- **Accept that there will be weeds.** Having some weeds in a lawn is acceptable and is to be expected. Many spring weeds such as clover and dandelions provide pollen and nectar for pollinators.
- **Not all insects in a lawn are harmful, and pesticides are rarely needed.** Grubs are thought to be a common problem in lawns, but they do not seriously affect lawns consisting of turf-type tall fescue, the most common grass used in Maryland.
- **Lawn alternatives are available.**
  - Groundcovers.
  - Moss may be acceptable.
  - Replace turf with flowers, garden, grasses, etc.

The complete article may be accessed at the University of Maryland Extension website:


<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/challenge-growing-lawn-maryland>.




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February marks Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, the anticipation of winter’s end, and days filled with fun at Symphony Village!



With COVID numbers coming down in Queen Anne’s County, the Lifestyle Committee is comfortable in moving forward with planned social activities at Symphony Village. The first official Social Hour is scheduled for February 19. We look forward to seeing new residents along with familiar faces. Remember, if you plan on partaking in appetizers or desserts, PLEASE bring a dish to share.

The Lifestyle Committee would like to offer a special thanks for the wonderful Pasta Dinner sponsored by Ed and Cindy Beres on February 12. Thank you for your continued support of Symphony Village!

<b>EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING MONTHS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b>			
<b>SOCIAL HOUR</b>	February 19	6 to 8 p.m.	Clubhouse
<b>NAME THAT TUNE WITH RANDY OFFICER</b>	February 20	2 to 4 p.m.	Card Room
<b>SOCIAL HOUR FEATURING KATHY JONES, SINGER/GUITARIST</b>	March 4	6 to 8 p.m.	Concert Hall Please bring a gratuity for Kathy!
<b>SOCIAL HOUR FEATURING IRISH COFFEE BY MARY CIESIELSKI</b>	March 19	6 to 8 p.m.	Clubhouse

**CCRC PRESENTATION ON MARCH 16**

Have you ever wondered what Heron Point in Chestertown or Bayleigh Chase in Easton are all about? Well, wonder no more!

Please join us on Wednesday, March 16, at 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Clubhouse to learn about these two continuing care retirement communities (CCRC for short).

Kathy Sanderson and Sherri Brown will be here to educate us on what CCRC is, what each community has to offer, how moving into an ACTS community ensures your long-term health care while protecting your next egg, and the generous tax advantages associated with an ACTS community.

This presentation will answer many questions and equip you with the information you need to make a decision that’s right for you. We hope to see you there!



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## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

JOE SIKES, CHAIR; FRED KURST, VICE CHAIR

The Operations Committee held its first meeting of 2022 on January 20. We welcomed a number of new members, and despite a hard-fought campaign, I was re-elected as Chairman with Fred Kurst as my Vice Chair. As usual we had no candidates for Secretary, but I plan to reach out to local realtors for assistance. I will propose that they offer purchase incentives for prospective residents who harbor a desire to take minutes. They must be out there somewhere.

The Operations Committee is responsible for aiding the HOA Board of Directors (BOD) and the General Manager (GM) regarding management and operation of community common property. We share this responsibility with the Landscape and Irrigation Committee and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks.

After four site visits from contractors, we received three proposals for re-coating the tennis courts and expanding to four pickleball courts. The committee plans to review these proposals and make a recommendation to the BOD following our February meeting. Work would not take place until the weather warms up in the May/June timeframe. The Committee will hold its next meeting virtually at 10 a.m. on February 17.

We have a great community, and we welcome your participation in helping us keep it that way.

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## PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

MARYKAY KERR, CHAIR

When you do a newsletter, you wonder if anyone out there is reading it. The P&C committee has been wondering the same thing. We know a few of you read it (Thanks!), but we also know there are many who do not—for one reason or another. The office prints about 50 copies that are available to those who like to read a print copy. It is available on the website at <https://symphonyvillage.net/libretto-2021>.

That's our mission—to find out how we can generate more readership. So...what would you like to see in the *Libretto*? What can we do to increase readership? Let us know.

One suggestion: when you get a new neighbor, take a copy of the *Libretto* to them. That's one way to introduce yourself and the *Libretto* to our new residents.

Publications & Communications also said farewell to George and Mary Drake. George has been a member and contributor to the *Libretto* for years. His photos have been published many, many times in the *Libretto*. Best wishes and good luck to you both as you begin your new adventure.

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

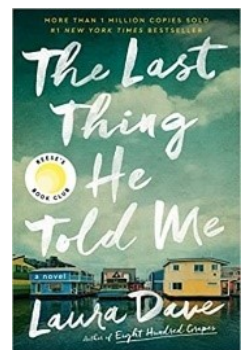
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### READING FOR FUN – JANUARY 2022 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met virtually on January 16 to discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Carol & Len Saltiel, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, Cathy Olson, Bob Nilsson, JoAnn Walker, and Mary Jo Volpicelli. As a follow-on to our historical novel from last month, the club decided to try a rollicking mystery to clear our palates. Laura Dave's novel certainly achieved that purpose for us.

The protagonist, Hannah Michael, lives in Sausalito, California, with her husband, Owen, and his sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. They have been married for less than a year, and Hannah is struggling to form a relationship with her stepdaughter, whose mother died in a car crash over a decade ago. This would be a difficult challenge in any case but, once again, Bailey is sixteen. Enough said!



Having introduced us to this modern family, the author starts rollicking immediately. A strange teenage girl knocks on the front door and presents Hannah with a note from Owen. He had stopped this girl at school and given her \$20 to quickly take the note to Hannah. The note says, “*Protect Her.*”

Hannah frantically calls Owen, but he is nowhere to be found. She tracks Bailey down and discovers that her father had left a bag of cash in her school locker. A neighbor stops by to report that, according to the local news, the technology firm where Owen works has been raided by the FBI. Apparently, Owen’s boss is being charged with fraud and, since Owen has disappeared, his involvement is suspected.

Hannah is convinced Owen is not involved in the fraud, but the plot thickens when a U.S. Marshal shows up at Hannah’s door attempting to locate her husband. He claims to be a friend and only wants to help Owen. “*Protect her.*”

Hannah says she doesn't know where Owen is but becomes suspicious and provides no other information. Her suspicion deepens when two FBI agents show as part of the fraud investigation. But they have no knowledge of why the U.S. Marshal was there. Who to Trust?

“Protect her.”

Hannah and Bailey bond over the search for Owen and start to pursue two odd facts about U.S. Marshal Grady Bradford. First, he claims to have known Owen previously and second, he is assigned to the Austin, Texas, office of the Marshal Service, not California. Pursuing these two anomalies leads us on a winding and fascinating mystery tour. You might even call it rollicking!

The Club unanimously enjoyed the book and gave it a score of 8.48 on our scale of 10. That score places it well within our top ten books over the last few years. We had an interesting discussion comparing this mystery to Louise Penny's recent (November 2021) selection from the Inspector Gamache series.

While the latter had the advantage of recurring characters, Author Dave started fresh with no background. Author Penny provides much background to make each book stand alone, but necessarily includes many details that do not ultimately impact solving the crime. Everything counted in this book, but most of us were still surprised by the ending. The book moved quickly, and the Club thought Ms. Dave’s writing style was excellent.

The only nitpick for me concerned Hannah’s irritation with Bailey when she was playing her music too loud. Bailey was playing a Carol King album at the time. Seriously a teenager playing Carole King too loud! That’s Grandpa music, not a teenager song list. Besides, is it even possible to play Carole King too loud? Now that I got that out of my system, the club strongly recommends you pick up *The Last Thing He Told Me* if you are looking for a good mystery.

Our new list of books and the dates for Book Club discussion are listed below. We hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We continue to meet on Zoom, so contact me at [sikes.withers@yahoo.com](mailto:sikes.withers@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

February 15 — *The Unexpected President, Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur* by Scott Greenberger

March 15 — *The Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead

April 19 — *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

# OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD

Symphony Village Outreach will hold the February 23 meeting via Zoom at 3 p.m. I will be sending everyone's email address to the Clubhouse office so you can attend. Please look for email updates and connection instructions closer to February 23. The Zoom meeting will take place at the same time, 3 p.m.

We will host a **Paint Party** on March 10. We will be making Welcome signs. Please sign up in the Book in the Wall Street Room and make sure you pick the design you want. The cost for the Paint Party is \$40. Outreach will receive \$10 of the fee to use for donations towards charitable causes.

We are always looking for new members, so please consider joining us. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting, please contact me (suecanfield20@gmail.com).



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## SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO, GEO!

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER

As many of you know, George and Mary Drake are moving out of Symphony Village. It is with a heavy heart that my “Pickleball Husband” and his dear wedded wife are leaving us...thanks Mary for letting me use that term to describe one incredible man!



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George was instrumental in getting pickleball started in Symphony Village back in the Spring of 2018, and since then it has taken off as the hottest, most fun, and exhilarating sport in Symphony Village. There are very big shoes to fill with George leaving us, but I will do my very best to keep things moving forward and continue for we “villagers” to have good times! There are not enough words to say, “THANK YOU George!”—we are very grateful from the bottom of our hearts!

As for play times in the Village, if the weather is over 40 degrees, we will play in the village (as regularly scheduled) on Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays at 10 a.m. If it is too cold and windy, many of us have joined the Chestertown YMCA; and we can also play there at 10 a.m. (departing via carpool at 9:30 a.m. from the SV parking lot). I will continue to send out text messages as to where we will play. If anyone would like to join us at the YMCA, please give me a call or text me at 443-676-3875. We can take you as a guest to introduce you to the indoor play of pickleball.

In addition, we look forward to the refurbishment of our Symphony Village outdoor courts that will now include four pickleball courts. Bids are pending and the date of the refurbishment of the courts is still TBD (but sometime in the spring).

Whatever it is that you choose to do, stay safe and enjoy our beautiful Symphony Village! As always, please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns!



*Pickleballers bid George and Mary a rousing farewell.*



George and Mary Drake are moving to Sykesville, Maryland. They have been active contributors to the Symphony Village community for many years.



In 2009, George was instrumental in establishing the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Queen Anne’s County. He organized an initial 16-person class taught by Queen Anne’s County Department of Emergency Services (DES) instructors. George and Mary were two of the first Symphony Village residents to complete the CERT training. To recognize George and Mary’s contributions to CERT, the current members and candidates gathered on February 2 to wish them well. Assistant Chief Lori Morris of the DES Special Operations Division presented George with an award to commemorate his years of service to Queen Anne’s County. We wish George and Mary well in their new home.



**Standing, left to right:** Eileen Rowley, Jay Landen, Brenda Fellows, John Olson, Cathy Olson, Doug Peed, Annette Nelson, Steve Nelson, Carol Saltiel, Dale Butler, Dennis Marchi, Linda Butler, Tegan Baumann, Amy Landen, Steve Quigley, Debi Wells. **Seated:** George Drake, Lori Morris, DES

If you are interested in joining CERT, there is a training class scheduled to start on March 22. Contact John Olson, [shop.1234@icloud.com](mailto:shop.1234@icloud.com), for more information.

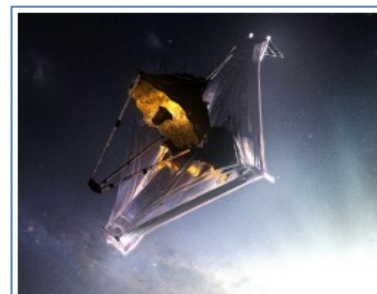


### ASTRONOMY CLUB

LARRY RAYNER, THE ARMCHAIR ASTRONOMER

#### THE JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE IS LAUNCHED!

NASA's next generation space telescope (NGST) that was to succeed the iconic space telescope, Hubble, was launched on December 25, 2021, from French Guiana, on the North coast of South America. It took 20 years to design and 10 billion dollars to build, it was a multi country endeavor headed by NASA, (NASA, Canadian Space Agency, European Space Agency, Australian Space Agency, and assorted smaller countries), you can watch a replay of the launch on YouTube and follow its progress.

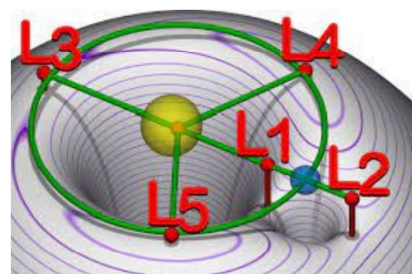


Engineers and Scientists calculated there were 344 single failure points for this telescope as it had to unfold during deployment from the nosecone of the ESA heavy lift Arian 5 rocket. Not everyone, including me, thought this would work. You can only imagine the cheers that went up around the world as each step succeeded, particularly from scientist and astronomers who have waited at least three decades for their investigations to begin with this amazing astronomical tool. It has taken approximately a month to reach its final orbit and an L2 point, more than a million miles from Earth. It reached its final location on February 5 and won't begin taking photos until final precise orbit and equipment alignments are completed around the middle of February. Initial photographs aren't expected to be made public until early March.

The Webb telescope is approximately 100x more powerful than the Hubble telescope and is expected to see the first galaxy formation, after the beginning of time (The Big Bang), 13.7 billion years ago. See the January article in the *Libretto* for the major advantages of the Webb telescope over the Hubble.

#### THE JAMES WEBB REACHES ITS LAGRANGE POINT (L2)

Since the Webb only has enough fuel for roughly 20 years and, unlike the Hubble, as it moved around its orbit around the sun, the astronauts cannot service it, the telescope must be put at the L2 point. The L2 point is where the gravities of the Earth and Sun balance off the centrifugal forces imposed on the telescope by the launch rocket, EAS Arian 5. The diagram shows the five Lagrange points associated with the Earth and Sun. The L2 point requires the minimum amount of fuel to maintain the required orbit for the mission to be accomplished (view the first galaxies and exo planets that may have evidence of intelligent life. The Sun is at the center of the diagram, the Earth and Moon are at the L2 point.



#### WHY CALL THIS LARGE SPACE TELESCOPE THE JAMES WEBB?

James Webb (1906-1992), Director of the newly created agency NASA, (1961-1968) was neither an Astronomer or a Scientist yet is known and immortalized as the "father" of the Apollo Missions and Robotic Spacecrafts. It seems only fitting that the man who sent robotic spacecrafts to the Moon, Mars and Venus and who gave Americans their first view of outer space landscapes, have his name used for the Large Space Telescope, The James Webb Telescope. Mr. Webb had a unique outlook on the NASA mission statement. He did not see the space race as a political race and bluntly told President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson, when being interviewed for his position as head of NASA just so.

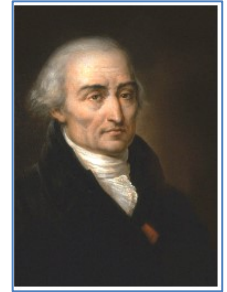


Instead he saw the Agency as a balance between manned space flight and scientific endeavors. This balance was to become the catalyst for Universities to open new fields of study and the Aerospace industry in the US to thrive. His "balanced" approach at NASA led to a decade of space scientific research that is unparalleled today. Mr. Webb retired just a few months before the first Moon landing, July 1969. NASA had launched over 75 space science missions to study stars and galaxies, our own Sun, and such missions as the Orbiting Solar

Observatory, Mercury and Gemini programs and the Explorer series of astronomical satellites, most in history. Under his supervision the agency undertook one of the impressive projects in history—landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth before the end of the decade.

### WHO WAS LAGRANGE?

Joseph-Louis Lagrange (1736-1813) was an Italian born, French nationalized, mathematician and astronomer. He made significant contributions to the fields of analysis, number theory, and both classical and celestial mechanics. Lagrange invented the method of solving differential equations known as variation of parameters, applied differential calculus to the theory of probabilities and worked on solutions for algebraic equations. He proved that every natural number is a sum of four squares.



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## LEVEL GREEN LANDSCAPING

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Brrrr it's been cold! I hope everyone is safe and staying warm this winter. What a start to our 2022! Are you tired of snow yet? Let's hope that Phil the groundhog's prediction is wrong, let's face it, who wants six more weeks of winter this year!

We are excited to return to the community to get things ready for the growing season. Per the contract during the month of February, we will have a visit scheduled to address the following:

- Removal of leaves, debris, and trash from all areas.
- The cutting back of specific plants in the common area and residential front beds (Roses, Spirea, Ornamental Grasses, Liriope, and perennials such as Day Lilies, Sedum, Black Eyed Susans, Geraniums, Salvia, Nepeta, Russian Sage and Astilbe).
- Policing grounds for branches and twigs from overwintering damage.
- Pond area and hillside cleanup of ornamental grasses and any fallen debris.
- We have received a list of Opt-Out properties and will be using pink flags in the front mulch beds to help our guys identify those who are on the list.
- Our spring cleanup service will be provided over a period of several days weather permitting.

Here are some tips from the University of Maryland Extension to help you get ready for spring.

- Examine the base of your shrubs for signs of vole damage. Voles are a type of field mouse that takes cover in mulch. They feed on roots, crowns, and above-ground wood.
  - Voles make small holes about 1 inch across to get to tubers and bulbs.
  - Voles sometimes use moles tunnels, which causes moles to be blamed for eating roots.
  - Tree and shrub damaged can be noticed on the bark near the ground, the voles will leave ¼ inch, side by side, grooves in the wood.
- Spring bulbs can still be planted if the ground is not frozen. Inspect the bulbs, and plant only the solid healthy ones, as bulbs can deteriorate when stored.
- Look for winter damage on woody plants as the weather warms up in the spring.
  - Tip and branch dieback, foliar browning, sun scalding and bark splitting

For more tips and helpful information, please visit [www.extension.umd.edu](http://www.extension.umd.edu).

## INSECT OF THE MONTH: SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect species, spreading uncontrollably throughout the East Coast. Don't let this beautiful insect fool you, this pesky insect feeds on a wide range of fruit, ornamental and woody trees. Their egg masses can be laid on any surface and need a careful eye for inspection! If you have a suspicion of spotting egg masses, please contact the office so we can look and assess the area. Last month MDA expanded the quarantine to now include Kent County among others and is just a matter of time before they start showing up in your backyard. For additional information please visit USDA at

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/spotted-lanternfly/spotted-lanternfly>



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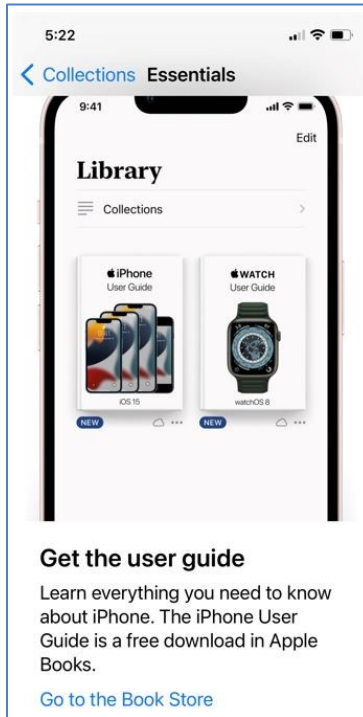
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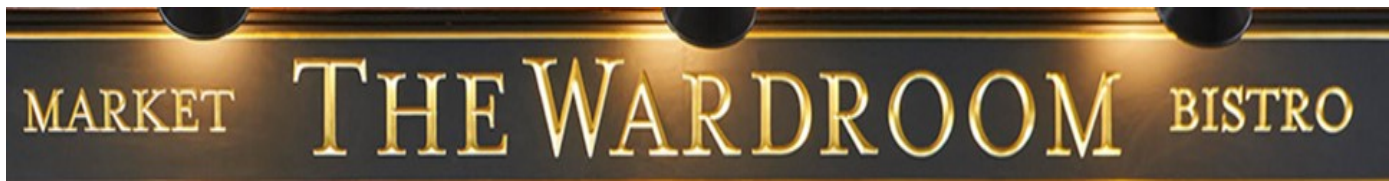
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My sister and I came upon [The Wardroom Bistro](#) located at 103 North Washington Street one afternoon last summer while strolling through some of the restaurants and shops in Easton. On our first visit, I spent most of the time at the marketplace on the corner of N. Washington Street and Federal Street. I was delighted to find a wonderful selection of fresh baked breads and other baked goods along with pastas, sauces, and gourmet foods. The market has an amazing selection of white and red wines and offers wine tastings—a perfect place to sample and buy a bottle of wine and some gourmet foods as a gift or to enjoy with family and friends. I purchased some of the fresh baked breads, focaccia, pasta, oil, and balsamic vinegar.

Before I left, I wandered from the market into the restaurant area immediately adjacent to the market. There was so much going on in the restaurant—a cheese bar, pasta bar, and so many other appealing foods. There was a very interesting wine-tasting area on the back wall. Tables were located along the windows to the right with additional tables outside on the sidewalk. The whole area was both warm and inviting. However, it was getting late; so, I decided to plan a return visit when I might have more time to explore the restaurant.

That next week, Bea and I decided to return to the Wardroom Bistro to have lunch; we had a wonderful experience. The Lunch Menu includes a variety of signature sandwiches prepared with freshly baked breads. The Surprise II is prepared with roast turkey breast, lettuce, tomato, avocado, sharp cheddar, alfalfa sprouts, mustard, and mayo—delightful and delicious. The *Raisonnable 15* is prepared with coriander spiced corned beef, Emmentaler, Swiss, sauerkraut, Russian dressing, half sour pickle, and served warm, and The Sophie II is made with grilled vegetables, Chapel's Creamery Fromage Blanc spread, Alfalfa sprouts, and tomato—perfect as a vegetarian choice. The Wardroom describes itself as an “*epicurean market showcasing hand-selected and house-made artisan products, premium ingredients, and wines from top vintners worldwide*” and certainly lives up to that description.

On my third trip to the Wardroom, I decided to invite other family members for a wine-tasting experience. The wine-tasting includes 12 to 16 different wines to taste and enjoy. Each bottle has a tap allowing a measured pour of three to four ounces of wine. Naturally, you can also choose to drink a six or eight ounce pour of your favorite wine, should you decide to do so. Cheese or Charcuterie Plates are available most of the day. The staff is both knowledgeable and ready to help you pair wines with cheese selections. There are also several beer selections on tap and bottled beer to satisfy other palates.

The evening menu is available from 5 p.m. through 9 p.m. and features a Gnocchi and Pasta Bar with a variety of sauces. The menu for the evening includes several meat entrees with a choice of salads and desserts. Evening specials are also available.

If you prefer, you can also place a pickup order online at <https://wardroom.techryde.com/Index>.

I look forward to my next dining adventure and a casual Sunday Brunch at The Wardroom Bistro. The Brunch Menu looks delicious.



During a recent visit to the Centreville Post Office, I purchased a book of stamps honoring a Black American by the name of Edmonia Lewis. Because I was unfamiliar with this woman, I thought some research was in order. The following is what I discovered.

Mary Edmonia Lewis was an American sculptor of African American and Native American heritage who was born free in Upstate New York on July 4, 1844. Her father was Black, and her mother was Chippewa Indian.

Because she was orphaned at an early age, Mary grew up in her mother’s tribe and developed an interest in fishing, swimming, and selling crafts. She expressed an interest in the fine arts and, in 1859, attended Oberlin College but had to leave school before she graduated due to a possible racially motivated poisoning.

From there, she went to Boston and studied under a local sculptor. There she created portraits of antislavery heroes. In 1865, she moved to Rome and worked with a group of American sculptors and began working in marble. In addition to creating portrait heads, Lewis also sculpted biblical scenes, pieces incorporating her Native American heritage, and sculptures depicting the oppression of Black people. Lewis died in London, England in 1907. Some of her works included: *Old Arrow Maker*, *Death of Cleopatra*, *Hagar*, and others. Many of her works are found in museums around the world.



## CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS PLUS

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**Kent Island Farmers' Market:** Thursdays year-round, winter hours 3:30–5:30 p.m. at Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville.

**Chestertown Winter Farmers' Market:** Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon, High and Cross Streets.

The snow geese are back at Taylor Mill Farm and Wye Knot Farms.

**February is Black History Month:** You can view video presentations honoring local African American outstanding citizens at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center in Centreville. For more information on area events, google Black History Month on the Eastern Shore: Can't-Miss Exhibits ([chesapeakebaymagazine](http://chesapeakebaymagazine))

**The Chesapeake Film Festival** honors Black History Month with a film series free to view on [chesapeakefilmfestival](http://chesapeakefilmfestival).

**Great Backyard Bird Count:** Library, Kent Island Branch, February 18, 3 to 4 p.m.; register on line. Observe and listen for birds as you leisurely stroll for 30 minutes to 1 hour.



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## The Adkins Arboretum

- ◆ Journeys Imagined — works by John Moran on view through February 26.
- ◆ The Climate Challenge — February 16, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Jenny Houghton.
- ◆ Botanical Drawing I — February 18, 25, March 4, 18, 25 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Lee D’Zmura intro to botanical drawing.
- ◆ Nutrition for Our Brains and Hearts — February 17 and 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 3 — ordering begins for spring native plant sale.
- ◆ March 5 — first Saturday guided walk, 10 a.m., explore the Arboretum’s diverse plant communities, lasts about an hour.
- ◆ Yarnstorming — local yarn artists and the Fiber Arts Center create a whimsical visual experience in the trees. On display March 6 to April 3.
- ◆ The Birds are Coming — March 9, 16, and 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jim Wilson will discuss bird migration and review by sight and sound.
- ◆ Open Botanical Art Studio — March 11, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class for people who have studied and created botanical art in any medium at any level (class size limited).
- ◆ Rooted Wisdom: Nature’s Role in the Underground Railroad, a virtual premiere March 11. A 5-part film series. Travel through the Adkins Arboretum with historian Anthony Cohen to understand how self-liberators used the natural landscape to forge a path to freedom.
- ◆ Book Club — March 15 at 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.



**Seaside Boat Show:** Friday, February 18, 5 a.m. to Sunday, February 20, 1 p.m., Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. The number one indoor boat show on the Eastern Shore. Confirm details due to coronavirus (443 880-3602).

**Cabaret,** February 18, 8 p.m., Classic Theatre of Maryland’s Main Stage, Annapolis.

### Avalon Theatre, Easton

February 19 — Amy Helm

February 25 — Black Dog Alley

February 26 and March 12 — The Met: Live in HD 2021–22 Season

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March 20 — Robert Cray Band

**Chuck Redd** brings A Tribute to Bossa Nova and the Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim, Saturday, February 19 to the Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St, Rock Hall. Reservations 410 639-0331.

### Virtual Crime and Cuppa

February 26, 10 to 11 a.m.; register online [qaclibrary.org](http://qaclibrary.org). Join mystery reader extraordinaire Kathleen Wilson on QACL Facebook and YouTube pages for an hour of mystery, humor, and thrills as she discusses her favorite new and old crime novels.

**Queen Anne’s County Centre for the Arts** invites you to 206 S. Commerce Street Coffee House Concert with Phillip Dutton, February 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost for the evening is \$15. The concert takes place during their Small Works exhibition, where small artworks are raffled off to benefit the Arts Council. For details, see their website: [www.queenannescountyarts.com](http://www.queenannescountyarts.com)



March 26: ARTEAST Exhibition.

**St. Michaels ChocolateFest** will be held March 5, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — thousands of chocolate concoctions. Taste your way around St. Michaels: food, drinks, and everything chocolate related from participating restaurants and inns. Get tickets only on: <https://st-michaels-business-association.square.site>

**American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 Centreville.** Brandon & Thordis, Saturday March 5 at 6 p.m. Visit [www.listeninkmusic.com](http://www.listeninkmusic.com)

**Maryland Day** will occur March 25–27, 2022. More on this in the next *Libretto*.

If you know of any events you'd like to share, please email me at [godfreycb@me.com](mailto:godfreycb@me.com).

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