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# *LIBRETTO*

## **SYMPHONY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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

### **Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



John & Lynn Ludwig  
215 Harmony Way

## **2022 SV HOA BOD**

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT—JUNE 2022**

**PAT FOX, PRESIDENT**

### **GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT REVIEW STATUS**

Several weeks ago, we mailed the proposed changes to our legal documents as well as a ballot and an executive summary to SV residents. These completed ballots are due on June 22. We ask that everyone vote as the HOA over that last four years has spent thousands in legal fees, printing, and mailing as we were required to do based upon our documents.

HOAs periodically update documents to be consistent with state law, make modifications to follow best industry practices, remove developer rights when projects are completed, and most importantly be able to enact positive changes to our operation process. Our docs were originally drafted in 2003!

We know that some of you were having difficulty filling out the ballots; we had a ballot review meeting on **June 13 at 10 a.m.** to review the ballot, line by line.

One suggestion is that you lay your executive summary next to your ballot and use it to refer to each section you are asked to vote on. The three **A** sections only need one vote for the category as they are removal of developer rights, simple changes that have no direct impact on SV—typos, etc. The **B** categories are individual items; use your best judgment to vote on items such as *changing the current three-year board term to two years*—a change that hopefully will attract more candidates.

As a final note, we plan to have a drawing for several prizes. Everyone who submitted a ballot by **8 a.m. on June 15** had their name included in the drawing!

Please complete your ballot and return it. It is important!

## **WELCOME PROCOM ON BOARD—JULY 1, 2022**

The Symphony Village Board recently approved a six-month contract with ProCom Inc. to provide property management services for our community. This contract can be approved on a 12-month basis annually thereafter. ProCom will start on July 1, 2022. They will hire our current staff; the staff will remain onsite and continue their management and maintenance responsibilities for us.

### **Why hire ProCom?**

- A 32-year-old company providing senior professional property managers
- Manages over fifty HOAs
- Has managed SV finances for six years—2017-2022
- Will oversee and advise SV staff
- Provides regular staff training
- Responsiveness to their client—the SV HOA
- Ensure maintenance of SV HOA services
- Will provide temporary staffing in event of extended staff absence
- Will recruit experienced replacement in event of staff departure

### **Our SV Process Remains the Same:**

- Our Staff remains full-time working onsite.
- Our SV Committees continue efforts to recommend policies and projects.
- The HOA Board continues to work with management and committees.
- The HOA Board decision-making process for the community remains the same.

### **What We Gain Financially:**

- The Financial Management contract is no longer necessary as service comes with new contract.
- The Payroll and Benefit contract with Human Resources Inc. is no longer necessary.
- ProCom has reasonable company fees, over management expenses, of \$1,500 per month.

### **What Will ProCom do Initially?**

- Learn the full parameters of the services that Symphony Village HOA provides to our residents
- Coordinate with the HOA Board on community plans and expectations
- Evaluate our current operation and production level
- Evaluate the need for a fourth person
- Develop a management plan for more efficient operation and staff deployment

### **Staff Benefits:**

- Retain SV salaries
- Similar ProCom medical plans
- Capability of establishing health savings plan with SV start-up bonus contributed
- 401k matching plan from ProCom
- Training, skilled senior manager oversight, and access

Thank you to all who were able to take time to attend the June 3 HOA community meeting, either in-person or virtually. Details from that meeting are outlined in these highlights for those residents who were not available to attend.

**Email Board Approvals:** There were two urgent email votes required and unanimously approved by the Board after the May 6 HOA meeting and prior to the June 3 meeting. They were:

- On May 24, a proposal from Chesapeake Mirror & Glass to replace the indoor pool door for \$3,750 was approved. It was determined the indoor pool door hardware approved by the Board on May 6 was a low builder grade. To purchase the better-quality hardware required a \$450 increase. However, more quality will result in better longevity to withstand the harsh air environment. The company that installed the key card readers, Atlantic Security, confirmed the Chesapeake Mirror & Glass approved hardware is compatible with the system.
- On May 21, a proposal from Bayside Fire Protection for \$1,575 (with any additional unknown repairs to cost \$125/hour, if discovered) to correct a leak in the air system and repair eight outdated gauges was approved. The leak needed to be located and addressed to avoid damaging the Clubhouse compressor. Gauge replacement is required every five years per code. Had these items not been remedied immediately and the Clubhouse system activated for any reason prior to the June 3 HOA meeting, deficiencies impeding the system's performance and that cost would have been the liability of the Association. Both email votes were ratified at the June 3 HOA meeting.

**June HOA Meeting Board Votes:** The following projects and/or activities for the community were approved at the June 3 HOA meeting:

*2022 Nominating Committee:* In addition to Rich Ryan, Chair, there were four additional members approved. As you may know, two Board member positions will become available at the end of this year when Pat Fox and Pat Ways end their terms. If any resident would like to throw their hat into the ring to be considered for the election of a Board member position, please contact this Committee.

*Putting Green RFI:* Based on the Operations Committee's recommendation, a motion was approved to table the decision to replace or refurbish this amenity until the community's amended HOA documents are voted upon. Elimination of the term *putting green* from the documents as a specific amenity will enable consideration of its removal.

*Community Investment:* Based on the Budget & Finance Committee recommendation, a motion was approved to place the full value of two Certificate of Deposits maturing in June into a money market account until a decision is made on best investment. The decision on the best investment may result in an email vote, if necessary, prior to the August 5 HOA community meeting (since there will not be an HOA meeting during July).

*Tree Maintenance/Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program:* Considerable accolades were given to Bill Wells for utilizing his forestry degree to help the community's trees over past years. However, with Bill's passing, another pro-active approach was recommended by the Landscape & Irrigation (L&I) Committee and was approved by the Board. The plan is a six-month trial by Bartlett Tree Services for ~\$10.5K to focus on shrubs and trees to defend against insects, mites, disease, and more through frequent visits, problem identification, and corrective action. This plan is currently limited for 2022.

*Dead Tree Removal:* A recommendation from L&I was approved to continue the removal of dead trees throughout the community from various reasons (poor planting, overcrowding, disease, etc.). The cost approved is not to exceed ~\$2.8K from the L&I budget.

*Professional Community Management, Inc. (ProCom)—Property Management Company:* The Board has spent considerable time to research ProCom to ensure every detail was considered. The result supported hiring that

company is in the best interest of residents and staff. The Board approved a six-month contract with ProCom to provide property management services to Symphony Village. This contract, starting on July 1, can be approved on a twelve-month basis annually in the future. At that time, ProCom will hire our current staff who will remain on-site to continue their current responsibilities to the Board and residents. I and other Board members believe this decision is a practical and constructive step to ensure industry experience when the Board is considering making significant decisions for the Symphony Village Homeowners Association.

**Libretto Ads Discontinued:** At the recommendation of the Publications & Communications Committee, all advertising in the community's newsletter, the *Libretto*, will no longer be published. Since the rationale was justifiable, the Board approved discontinuation of advertising and to pro-rate and reimburse advertisers.

**HOA Documents Voting Meetings:** The Board approved holding two meetings to promote and encourage votes on the amended HOA documents. The first was held on **June 13 at 10 a.m.** and the balloting meeting is scheduled for **June 22 at 5 p.m.** The Board also approved ~\$1K for food to be available at the June 22 meeting to encourage attendance and voting.

**For additional information on any of the Board contracts and/or details voted upon,** please review the HOA June 3 Board meeting Reference Materials online: [Link to Reference Materials here please.](#)

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### ARTISANS GUILD

KATHY McMANUS, CO-CHAIR; CATHY OLSON, CO-CHAIR

The Artisans Guild is pleased to announce its next show, **Wild and Friendly**. An art reception will be held on **June 26 from 4 – 6 p.m.** Collecting artwork for this show will take place on **June 22 from 10 – 12 p.m.** We invite residents to participate in the show. A catalog with prices will be available.

**Demonstration:** John Olson will have a 3D printer set up to demonstrate how computer designs can be converted to physical objects. Several examples of 3D printing will be on display, and John will discuss how it works and answer questions.



*3D printer*



*Model of Symphony Village Clubhouse*

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### COVENANTS—EXTERIOR HOUSE MAINTENANCE

VICKI KOBER, CHAIR

Symphony Village homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the exterior structure of their house including the cleaning and maintenance of

- Siding, brick, and stone
- Patio—no visible weeds
- River rock—no visible weeds
- Light fixtures—front, garage, and rear
- House number plaques



Other homeowner responsibilities include cleaning and painting of

- Exterior Doors—front entry, storm, French, sliding, garage, and garage side doors
- Door frames
- All white trim
- Columns
- Foundation—same color as siding
- Dormers—tint on window glass
- Shutters—Approval required if homeowner decides to change the color of the shutters and front entry door

Exterior house maintenance is subject to periodic inspection of SV HOA.

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## LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION

BETTY MCATEE



Have you listened to *The Garden Thyme Podcast*, lately? This podcast is an all-things comedy and garden-related podcast with Extension Agent hosts Emily, Rachel, and Mikaela from the University of Maryland Extension. You can stream episodes from the [Buzzsprout](#) website or follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on released episodes.

Tune in monthly for topical items and conversation; please write in with questions to [UMEGardenPodcast@gmail.com](mailto:UMEGardenPodcast@gmail.com).

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## BAGWORMS—HELP STOP THE INVASION!

BILL WELLS

Recently, there have been residents asking about bagworms. After the Village's major infestation, a year ago—I don't blame them! So, this is a short summary about these nasty pests; more importantly, some treatment options to help you decide best way to control them.



During a walk through the community, I saw a bagworm nest hanging from a willow oak. Now is the best time of year to see the bagworms' nests! They are easy to spot. They love to eat most arborvitae, but will dine on maple, boxelder, willow, black locust, poplar, oak, apple, cherry, persimmon, willow oak and anything with green leafy leaves. For this reason, it's important their local activity is noted and confronted. They will not go away on their own. *If you see them on common area trees and shrubs, please let us know via the GM.*



You can tell if your shrub or tree has bagworms by the defoliation and bags of silk and foliage hanging down from twigs and branches. The deciduous trees (that lose their leaves) will have their bags visibly hanging down from bare branches. The bags contain larvae. They overwintered as eggs inside the female's abdomen within the bag she constructed last year. Each female will lay 500-1,000 eggs in each bag during the previous fall. It's important to get rid of the bags if possible. The larvae will hatch in early May and begin feeding on the tree's foliage, mostly at night, and will continue to do so through August. The early larvae will be very small and inconspicuous at first. But as they grow, their nests will become larger and larger. In September, the male moths will emerge and seek receptive females, then mating begins. Ugh! Just an interesting note—the females

will remain in their nests once fully developed from their larval feeding stage. This is because they have no functioning mouthparts, legs, or wings.

There are two primary ways to kill these pests:

- Pick their nests off the tree (good exercise and an easy way to enhance your tan), placing all nest bags into a plastic bag and tying it tight to keep them from escaping.
- Spray them!

Picking them off can occur whenever you see them. The most effective spraying is in early to late May through June while the larvae are actively feeding and small. When the caterpillars are no longer feeding (after late August), the tree will not experience additional damage beyond what has already occurred. Most importantly, spraying after August is ineffective and may be a waste of time and money unless a very harsh insecticide is used. I try to stay away from harsh pesticides since they also kill pollinating and other beneficial insects that help to naturally control harmful insects.

If you choose to spray your shrubs or trees yourself, be careful and please follow the label instructions. I would recommend *Dipel* or *Thuricide*—both contain *Bacillus thuringiensis*. This natural bacterium is deadly to bagworm larvae (worms) but does not harm non-foraging insects such as honeybees. You can also choose to have them treated professionally, an excellent way to control them. There are several local companies with licensed pesticide applicators.

There is no way to determine if your tree will regenerate new foliage, so wait until spring after the new growth appears before considering the removal of the tree. I hope this helps.

*This article was written last year by the late Bill Wells.*



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## LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

DEBORAH JONES-MILLER

With longer days, balmy nights, and nature at its best, take this month to get outside, meet new neighbors and get involved in all the activities that Symphony Village has to offer!

May's activities included a highly successful Memorial Day Picnic. Everyone in attendance reported having a great time! Thanks to Mary Jo and Vinny Volpicelli and their team for all the hard work. The Preakness Social Hour proved to be a fun and exciting event. Thanks to the ladies for donning their colorful hats and fascinators to herald this occasion. Many thanks to Susan Rayner for making this possible! Participation in the Symphony Village Blood Drive was much appreciated! Thanks to Julie Seymour for her efforts and to all who donated the gift of life!



The Lifestyle Committee is sponsoring an outdoor Social Hour, New Resident Celebration on **Friday, July 1, 2022, at 6 p.m.** All Symphony Village residents are invited to meet and greet new neighbors who moved in from **June 2021 to June 2022**. Attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Danielle's Pit Stop, a local food truck, will be onsite to provide entrees and sides.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING LIFESTYLE EVENTS:**

<b>Saturday, June 25</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	Movie Night	Come and enjoy the movie, <i>Father Stu</i> . Moviegoers are encouraged to bring snacks to share.
<b>Friday, July 1</b>	<b>6 – 8 p.m.</b>	Outdoor Community Social Hour Welcoming New Residents	Socialize with old neighbors, meet new neighbors, and make new friends! Enjoy delicious food from our local food truck, Danielle’s Pit Stop.
<b>Monday, July 4</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 3 p.m.</b>	July 4 Parade and Picnic	Enjoy our Nation’s birthday and come to Symphony Village’s Fourth of July Parade followed by a picnic at <b>1 p.m.</b> Bring your own picnic basket and join us around the pool and pavilion as we enjoy our neighbors.
<b>Wednesday, July 20</b>	<b>4 – 7 p.m.</b>	Ice Cream Social	Join us outside to enjoy ice cream treats sponsored by Ed Beres, RE-MAX Executive.

**SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 23**

**NORMAN L. BOSSIE**

**SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE (SQUARE DANCE THAT IS)**

The first ever (?) **SQUARE DANCE** will be celebrated in Symphony Village on Friday, September 23. **BUT WAIT!** The **SQUARE DANCE** will actually follow the first ever (?) **Chili Cook-off...on the same evening!**

Oh ya, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the mother of all chili cook-offs with prizes for best mild chili, best spicy or hot chili, and best overall chili. Three independent judges. Get ready. Get cook’n, .good look’n.

My chili will be called “Norm’s Legal Lip Remover.” What are you going to call yours? Some examples: Mike’s Maniac Monster Chili; Betty’s “Black Magic”; Marty’s Famous Burn Down the Barn Chili; Amy’s “Very Vegetarian Chili”; Tom’s “Toenailing Curling Chili”; or maybe Karen’s “Screaming Sensation Chili. Just give yours a name. Or not.

Don’t worry, Skip will have plenty of beer available to cool things down.

THEN at 7:30, kick off the ole shoes (or whatever) and get ready to Do-si-do your partner. This “over-the-top” fun dance will last till 9 p.m. or when your feet fall off. Never square danced before. Who cares, ‘cuz we’re all going to have “**MORE FUN THAN THE LAW ALLOWS.**”

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**JOE SIKES, CHAIR; FRED KURST, VICE CHAIR**

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 things such as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks.

Now that the warmer weather has returned, the committee has turned its focus outdoors. Residents once again enjoy our refurbished outdoor pool. The re-surface of the tennis/pickleball courts are complete. Additionally, the committee is reviewing our survey of all SV sidewalks (thanks to Charles Levay and Mike Norris) and will recommend replacement of the neediest sections. Meanwhile the GM has engaged Precision Concrete to deal with tripping hazards highlighted in the survey.

We have received two proposals regarding replacement of the putting green, but this decision is on hold until its status is clarified by our revised SV documents. With respect to the complex parking lot solicitation, we have decided to forgo individual site visits and, instead, hold a pre-bid conference. This common practice used in government and industry should avoid duplication and identify most likely contractors.

The Committee will hold a hybrid meeting in the Clubhouse at **10 a.m. on June 16**. We welcome resident participation to help us keep our community great.

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## OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD

Outreach has new events to announce. First, we are sponsoring, *Dinner at Doc's Riverside Grill* in Centreville on **June 21**. Doc's will give us 10% from all dinners served on **June 21** during the dinner hours. This money will be donated to The Goodwill Fire Company. Please consider dining at Doc's between **5 - 8 p.m.** so we can give the Goodwill Fire Company a healthy donation. If you would like to donate but cannot dine that evening, please message [suecanfield20@gmail.com](mailto:suecanfield20@gmail.com)



Outreach is also having our *Annual Card and Game Party* on **October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** We will have a lovely catered lunch for you. The sign-up sheet will be in the Activities Book in the Wall Street Room in the Clubhouse beginning the middle of August. Start planning now to fill your tables.

Outreach meets in the afternoon the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** each month. Come and visit and find out what other events are in the planning stages.

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## SYMPHONY SNEAKERS—SNEAKERS 2023 HOA RAFFLE

LINDA FARRAR

### SYMPHONY SNEAKERS RAFFLE

**2023 HOA DUES PAID IN FULL**  
PROFITS AID LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DRAWING SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

**\$30 per ticket or \$50 for 2 tickets**

Need not be present to win

Beginning **July 1** at the Fourth of July Picnic, you will be able to purchase raffle tickets to have your 2023 Symphony Village HOA dues paid for the entire year. The tickets are \$30 per ticket or 2 for \$50. The drawing for the raffle will take place at our Labor Day celebration.

You can also purchase tickets by leaving a check in the box in the Wall Street Room; we will deliver the tickets to your home. Additional times to purchase tickets in person will be published throughout the summer.

The Symphony Sneakers Raffle is Sneakers Annual Fundraiser. All the profits are used to aid the public schools in the Centreville area. This year we were able to provide a free new book to every elementary school child at Centreville Elementary, Kennard Elementary, Church Hill Elementary, and Sudlersville Elementary as part of our *Readers Are Leaders* program. Next year, we will be providing two books per child. We also provide for some of the emergency needs of



students to make sure everyone can participate in school sanctioned activities. We may also need volunteers in the schools if we are once again permitted to enter the schools.

In December, families that may have fallen through the cracks of social services are adopted from the elementary and middle schools with the help and cooperation of the school counselors. We provide these families with clothing and a few things from their wish list.

Over the years, we provided over \$125,000 worth of financial aid to the public schools in our area. The donations and overwhelming generosity of SV residents has been the key in Sneakers' ability to provide this financial aid.

Let's make this year our best year ever. Thank you in advance for your support.

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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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### BOCCE

PAT CIPRIANO

SV open Bocce meets each Wednesday at 4 p.m. Join in as residents socialize and play the friendly game that needs no experience to enjoy. Let the good times roll!

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### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

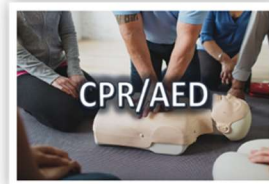
JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR

#### Symphony Village Safety Day

The Symphony Village CERT in coordination with the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services will host a Symphony Village Safety Day on **September 14 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** This event will be an open house event; residents can come and go as desired. Refreshments will be served. There will be a series of demonstrations, activities, and exhibits held in the Concert Hall and open to all SV residents, including CPR/AED Training, Home Safety, Meet the First Responders, etc. Ambulance tours and Stop the Bleed Training will be held outside of the Clubhouse (weather permitting).



#### Event Highlights



For the latest Safety Day information scan the QR code.



CERT Sponsored Social Hour—The **August 5** Social Hour will be sponsored by CERT. Stop by our exhibit to get more information about CERT and the Symphony Village Safety Day.

## LUNCH BUNCH

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO



The Lunch Bunch is scheduled for **Thursday, July 14**, at Luisa's Cucina Italiana located in Chestertown at 849 Washington Avenue. Luisa's is a Lunch Bunch favorite. The menu is varied, and the food is especially delicious. The restaurant is a five-minute ride from downtown Chestertown.

Have you been to a new restaurant recently that might be a perfect dining spot? We welcome new venues for our Lunch Bunch events and look forward to hearing from you. We generally look for restaurants that have

a varied menu with options to satisfy everyone. We choose restaurants on this side of the Bay Bridge during summer months—since traffic can be a problem. Restaurants in Annapolis and beyond are usually reserved for early spring and the fall. We also look for a restaurant that has the capacity to handle up to 40 people at one time. Some restaurants have a room charge or may even insist on a set menu for groups. Generally, our group prefers to order off the menu, sit at tables of four to six people, and get separate checks. Room charges would add an additional expense to the outing. If you know of a place that has a room charge and/or a set menu, we could send out an email survey to determine if enough people would be willing to attend and pay the additional charges. Keep in mind that such restaurants require knowing the exact number of attendees a week before. Please take dining space availability, location, and capacity to handle 30 to 40 people into consideration before recommending a restaurant.

Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the Symphony Village [Website](#), and go to the Home Page and scroll down to Events. As usual, you can sign up in the Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 if you have questions, need directions, or need a ride.

Our June Lunch Bunch was held at the Scossa Restaurant and Lounge in Easton, Maryland. The candid shot captures forty diners enjoying a delicious lunch. We look forward to taking more photos throughout the next few months.



## READING FOR FUN – MAY 2022 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club held a hybrid meeting on May 17 to discuss *The Last Flight* by Julie Clark. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Claire Cook, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Sue Goldberg, Eva James, Peggy Decker, Carol & Len Saltiel, and Bob Nilsson. Cathy Olson provided her input separately.

Claire Cook seemingly has a perfect life of New York luxury with a handsome, rich, and powerful husband. However, behind closed doors, everything in her existence is controlled to enhance the prospects of her husband's burgeoning political career. Claire wants out and hatches a plan to create a new identity and escape to Canada. However, her plot is uncovered as she heads to JFK airport and, fearing her husband's wrath, frantically seeks an alternate plan.

In the airport bar, Claire is approached by the mysterious Eva James who is also attempting to escape her past. The two women agree to switch flights and leave no trace. A promising story premise is thus unleashed! To



twist the plot even further, one of the flights crashes when a Japanese sea monster rises and swats down the airliner—*Sorry, strike that. There was no sea monster. I was having a Godzilla daydream.* The plane really did crash, and the author weaves a complex story around the switch. The story of Eva is told prior to the switch, allowing the author to explore why she was trying to escape her life and how she arrived at JFK airport. Claire's story is told mostly after the switch and allows the author to delve into the effects of Eva's past life on Claire, who moves into Eva's old house. It also allows an open mystery to simmer about whether Eva boarded the plane that crashed.

If you are adequately confused, I can assure you that I was also disoriented as I paged between alternating chapters. A few club members also found that the mechanism kept the mystery alive, because it was necessary to remind yourself whether you were reading before or after the switch. The author does not disappoint by surprising us with an outcome that revolved around connections that existed before the switch. The author clarifies why the two women came together in the first place.

There are many additional characters in the book, but the author spends most of her effort in describing the two protagonists. Many of our recent books also had many characters but they were more fully developed. By contrast, the ancillary characters in *The Last Flight* are more one dimensional. Nonetheless the story was enthralling and a real page turner. The club enjoyed it very much and awarded a score of **8.1** on our 10-point scale. We hold our meetings on the **third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. We started to hold hybrid meetings, so contact me if you would like to attend virtually. My email is [sikes.withers@yahoo.com](mailto:sikes.withers@yahoo.com)

Our current list of books and associated review dates are listed below.

- June 21** ..... *Cousins* by Phoebe Kilby and Betty Kilby Baldwin
- July 19** ..... *On Traigh Lar Beach* by Dianne Ebertt Beeafl
- August 16** ..... *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson
- September 20** ..... *Nine Lives* by Peter Swanson
- October 18**..... *Prisoners of Geography* by Tim Marshall
- November 15**..... *Something Unbelievable* by Maria Kuznetsova
- December 20** ..... *The Old Woman with the Knife* by Gu Byeong-Mo

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## PICKLEBALL—BIG CHANGES ON THE VILLAGE COURTS

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER



Calling all pickleball fanatics! We are proud to advise that our lovely Symphony Village court makeover has been completed, providing us with a total of four courts for play. I am encouraging anyone interested in learning the game to come and visit and see what it's all about and join in the fun we have on the following scheduled play times:

**Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8:30 a.m.**

Many of us have been playing for a few years now. If you are a beginner and are interested in learning how to play, I'd like to offer some "free lessons" in the evening around **6 p.m.** If you are interested, please visit me at the courts on a scheduled playday or send me an email at [rosenbergers@mail.com](mailto:rosenbergers@mail.com). I will be happy to arrange some dates for lessons.

That's all for this month! 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.



As many of you know, Neighbor to Neighbor is a branch of Outreach. The program was created many years ago by former residents of SV, Joyce Edmonston and Dorothy Hamm. Later, through the expertise of Eleanor Strietman, the program continued through the years. A very special *Thank You* goes out to these early SV neighbors. The unsung heroes are our volunteers, who receive little or no recognition for what they do. These unsung heroes play a vital role in our community whenever the need arises and help our neighbors while maintaining confidentiality.

Neighbor to Neighbor will have a hybrid meeting on **June 29 at 3 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. An agenda will be available by the middle of June. If you have any suggestions or ideas about possible topics of discussion, please contact [Marge Strano](#). An important item on this agenda is to make plans for the direction of this program. We urgently need volunteers to work on Concerto 200 Block (1 more person), Harmony Way 100 Block (1 or 2 people), Harmony Way 800 Block (1 or 2 people), and Encore Court (1 person). Other sections of the community are adequately covered. However, we can always use additional help.

We welcome new volunteers and input from the SV Community. If you have an interest in helping your neighbors in a time of need and have some fresh ideas or thoughts, please let us know. Perhaps you have a special capability that would make the Neighbor to Neighbor program work more efficiently. We can always use help organizing and accomplishing our goals. We look forward to hearing from you. Please let us know in advance if you plan to attend this meeting by calling Marge Strano at 609-221-6378 or by sending an email to [mbestrano@gmail.com](mailto:mbestrano@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

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## **CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS**

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**Centreville Farmers' Market—Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**, rain or shine, Lawyer's Row, through **October 9.**

**Kent Island Farmer's Market—Thursday year-round, 3 - 6 p.m.**, at Cult.

**Classic Brewery**, 1169 Shopping Center Rd., Stevensville. (Wonderful freshly baked bread!)

**Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market—Saturdays 8 a.m. - noon**, Fountain Park, High Street.

**St. Michaels Farmers' Market—Saturday mornings between 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**, 204 South Talbot Street. [www.stmichaelsfarmersmarket.org](http://www.stmichaelsfarmersmarket.org)

**Tilghman Little Big Market—**For the latest Safety Day information scan the QR code. local farmers, bakers, artists, and more. Held on the **last Sunday of the month from 8:30 a.m. - noon, through September—May 29, June 26, August 28, and September 25.** Located at the Tilghman Wharf parking lot, 6129 Tilghman Island Road. [TilghmanLBM@gmail.com](mailto:TilghmanLBM@gmail.com)

**Easton's Farmers' Market—Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, Public Parking Lot. [marie@avalonfoundation](mailto:marie@avalonfoundation)

**Queen Annes's County Library: [qaclibrary.org](http://qaclibrary.org)**, pick up summer event booklet at CEN branch.

- **Summer Reading 2022 Program *Oceans of Possibilities***—all ages <http://www.qaclibrary.org/>
- **Virtual Reality Art (Family)**—Create art virtually using their Oculus VR Headsets.  
**Mondays, June 11 - August 1-** CEN Branch.
- **Tiny Art Showcase**—pick up canvas and supplies at Centerville Branch to create art about the ocean,  
**Friday, June 24—**CEN Branch.
- **Creative Aging: Mixed Media on Zoom—Seniors 55+**, making an art Creative Aging: Mixed Media on Zoom—journal/sketchbook, collage photograph, assemblage, all materials provided. Registration required. **Thursdays, June 2 through 30 and July 7 at 10:30 a.m.** on Zoom.
- **Monthly Knitting Night—July 13 & August 10 at 6 p.m.** KI Branch.
- **Veterans Book Club**—Veterans discuss their experiences in supportive environment by discussing works of literature. **Wednesdays, July 13 and August 10 at 6:30 p.m.** CEN Branch.
- **Tuesday Night Sewing Circle—Tuesdays, July 5 and August 2 at 6:30 p.m.**, KI Branch.



- **Friday Summer Movies—June 17, July 22, August 12 at 12 p.m.** CEN branch.
- **Crime & a Cuppa**—hour of mystery, humor, and thrills, discussing new and old crime novels, **Saturdays, June 18, July 16, and August 20 at 10 a.m.** at CEN branch.
- **Book Club without the Book**—learn about favorites, **Tuesdays June 21, July 19 and August 16 at 6:30 p.m.** KI branch.
- **Outdoor Book Club**—three books provided—discover how people have engaged with nature throughout history, registration required. **Wednesdays, June 22, July 27, August 31 at 6 p.m.,** CEN branch.
- **Marshes and Marsh Restoration of Poplar Island**—Environmental scientist Dr. Lori Staver will discuss her work on Poplar Island. **Wednesday, June 29 at 6 p.m.** at CEN branch.
- **Adult Yoga**—registration required. **Thursdays, July 7 and August 25 at 6:30 p.m.,** CEN branch
- **Technology Help**—schedule your one-on-one help—appointment at either branch.
- **The Adkins Arboretum**—410-634-2847, [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org)
- **Kit-Keung Kan**, Chinese ink and watercolor paintings and calligraphy exhibit **May 3 through July 1.**
- **RE-VISION**, site specific sculpture and poetry by Howard and Mary McCoy—**through September 30.**
- **Dragonflies & Damselflies—Saturday, June 25.**
- **The Avalon Theatre in Easton celebrates 100 years in 2022** (410-822-7299). Outdoor summer concert series begin at **7 p.m.** in front of the Tidewater Inn and includes:
  - **Swamp Donkey, Saturday, June 18.**
  - **Clones of Funk, Saturday, June 25.**
- **U.S. Naval Academy Blues & Gold Band, Saturday, July 2.**
- **U.S. Navy Band Commodores, Saturday, July 9,** Jazz patriotic tribute.
- **Juneteenth Celebrations**—celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of African American life on the Eastern shore—see June issue of *Attraction*, p. 6-7.
- **The Academy Art Museum in Easton Saturday, June 18.**
- **American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18, Centreville—410-758-3584—Friday Night Dinners 5 - 7p.m.**
- **Laughing Colors Live—Saturday July 9 at 8 p.m.**
- **Vendor Fair/Swap**—Meet at Rommel Harley-Davidson in Smyrna, Delaware, **Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.**

**Chesapeake Forum: An Academy for Lifelong Learning,** [www.chesapeakeforum.org/new-courses/](http://www.chesapeakeforum.org/new-courses/)

- **Hybrid Courses**—You may attend in person at Easton Peachblossom YMCA or Zoom.
- **In Search of Butterflies, 10 - 12 p.m., Thursday, June 23,** \$10., in person.
- **Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival**—Six concert series featuring renowned musicians at the Ebenezer Theater in Easton **Friday, June 10 - June 18.** Info and tickets: 410-819-0380, [www.chesapeakemusic.org/](http://www.chesapeakemusic.org/) See p.53 in May's *Attraction*.
- **Thursday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. Mozart and more.**
- **Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.** Chamber competition winners.
- **Saturday, June 18,** Festival Finale.
- **Wednesday, June 15 at 10 a.m.** free open rehearsal.

**Spring 2022 Birding Events on Delmarva:** [www.delmarvabirding.com](http://www.delmarvabirding.com)

**Pelican Tours of Smith Island: June 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24.** Email [dmvbirds@gmail.com](mailto:dmvbirds@gmail.com)

**Queen Anne's County**

- **Church Hill Theatre—*Into the Woods*,** performances **Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., June 10 through June 26.** Call 410-556-6003 for reservations.
- **Drink Centreville—Saturday, June 18, noon - 5 p.m.** Lawyers Row, local vendors, artisans, food, and live music. [Evenbrite.com](http://Evenbrite.com)

- **Father's Day Cruise—Sunday, June 19, 8:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.** Cult Classic Brewing Co, Stevensville, register all makes and models onsite Kent Island Federation of Arts; contact: arthousekifa@gmail.com, 410-758-2520.
- **59th Annual Judged Open Art Show—*A Moment in Time*, through Sunday, June 26.**
- **26th Annual Photography Show—Saturday, June 18 through Saturday, July 16.**
- **Thursdays in the Park—Free Concerts at 7 p.m.**
- **Phillip Dutton and the Alligator—Chesapeake Heritage Center, June 16.**
- **Chris Sacks Band—Casica Winery, Stevensville, June 23.**
- **Wheelhouse—July 7 at Stevensville Cray House Green.**

### Caroline County

- **Train Station open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. the First Saturday** every month through September. Call 410-991-8225 for details.
- **Aviary Tours Tuckahoe State Park—June 18 - 19, 25 - 26, 3 - 4 p.m.,** learn about birds of prey. 410-924-1529.
- **Preston Historical Society Museum—Open Saturdays June 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** PrestonHistoricalSociety.com.
- **Market at the Mill—Saturday, June 25 at 11 a.m.** at the Linchester Mill in Preston. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Linchester>, Dorchester County.
- **Shipjack Sail Nathan of Dorchester—**an authentic traditional oyster dredging vessel and Maryland's state boat two-hour cruises, **Saturdays June 18 and 25.** <https://www.skipjack-nathan.org/>

### Kent County

- **National Music Festival—Sunday, June 5 - June 18.** More than 30 concerts and over 200 free open rehearsals in Chestertown and around Kent County. Purchase passes at <https://nationalmusic.us/events-and-tickets/>
- **Cars on High—Thursday, June 16 (3rd Thursday of every month through October).** See exotic and classic cars. 410-778-2991
- **Garden Tour of Rock Hall—Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Tour the gardens in Rock Hall, Art show at Mainstay, Main St. 540-903-9298.
- ***Isaac: A Musical Journey*—**This world premiere is based on the *Life of Isaac Mason as a Slave*. **Friday and Saturday, June 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday June 26 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Gibson Arts Center, Washington College, Chestertown
- **Short Attention Span Theatre—**featuring 8 ten-minute plays by local artists, **Fridays and Saturdays, June 24 - 25, July 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, June 26, and July 3 at 2 p.m.** Garfield Center for the arts at Prince Theatre in Chestertown.
- **Young Artists' Harp Concert—Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m.** at Gibson Arts Center, Chestertown Talbot County Events.
- **Free Concerts in the Park—Thursdays from 6 - 8:30 p.m.** in Muskrat Park in St. Michaels beginning **June 16**, p. 42 in *The Attraction*.
  - **JCT 33- June 16, Ampersand- June 23, Rosewood -June 30, Down the Road -July 7,**
  - **Saved By Zero -July 14**
- **Talbot County Plein Air Event and Competition—**held **Friday, July 15 - Sunday, July 24.**
- **Talbot County Fair—Friday and Saturday, July 15 & 16** at the Talbot Ag Center off Rt. 50 on Hiners Lane in Easton. 410-822-1244, p.63 in *The Attraction*.
- **Antique & Classic Boat Festival and the Arts—**at Navy Point in St. Michaels, **Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19,** at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. [cbmm.org/antiqueclassic](http://cbmm.org/antiqueclassic)

- **Academy Art Museum Exhibits**—in Easton. The New Photography III Exhibit through **July 10**; Adrienne Elise Tarver: Manifesting Paradise through **July 24**; and Brian Collier Dream Waling exhibit from **June 11 through July 24**.

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

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