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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!



Sally Naughton
234 Concerto Avenue

2022 SV HOA BOD

PRESIDENT’S REPORT—AUGUST 2022

PAT FOX, PRESIDENT

Government Document Review Status

- Again, thank you to all the SV residents who participated in the lengthy effort to revise our out-of-date governing documents. Whether you voted, or encouraged your neighbors to vote, attended the town hall or ballot review meetings, or provided questions or comments through our Website—all your efforts contributed to a successful event.
- As we announced at the special Governing Document meeting on July 13, all proposed changes were approved.
- Since that date, staff and our attorney have been putting the documents into final form and getting the Declaration and Bylaws notarized and registered with the court. The Articles of Incorporation are confirmed in a different format with the court and our attorney is handling that task.

The Declaration and Bylaws are posted on our SV Website with the Articles of Incorporation soon to follow. You can also receive email copies of the documents through our new ProCom portal link sent to residents in an email request the other day. The revised documents will be included in future resale packages for new owners.

Attention to Driving Rules

We ask our SV drivers to be safe and follow motor vehicle laws whether it is driving the posted speed limit or following the familiar and standard traffic signs posted throughout the community.

Specifically—stop at the stop signs. Many people are ignoring stop signs, especially at Symphony Boulevard and Symphony Way. Twice, in a matter of two weeks, I have observed drivers speeding along Symphony Way to the stop sign and going through without stopping. They barely glanced down Symphony Way to see if anything is coming. Several weeks ago, a driver made a wide and fast right-hand turn ignoring the stop sign. They veered into my lane near the intersection, and I thought I was going to be sideswiped.

Neighbors who live at that intersection often hear the squeal of brakes. While a three-way stop would appear to be helpful, the stop is not a three-way stop, based on the design of the intersection.

Just be careful. Remember, we have other vehicles, pedestrians, and folks on bikes including children. We would hate to have to call the Centreville Police Department to enforce rules we learned decades ago.

HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 2022

DEBI WELLS
HOA BoD SECRETARY

Thank you to all residents who were able to attend the August 5 HOA meeting, either in-person or virtually. Details from that meeting are outlined in these highlights for residents who were not in attendance.

Email Board Approvals: There was one urgent email vote by the Board since the June 3 HOA meeting that was ratified at the August 5 HOA meeting. The email was about four proposals presented by Montgomery Irrigation that addressed concerns affecting 71 homes. The sum of the proposals totaled \$32,128. With \$50K remaining in the 2022 L&I budget, that Committee recommended the proposals that were approved by the Board on July 22.

- Proposal 36797 (behind 204/208 Overture Way): The valve boxes were full of sand from a pipe break and two sink holes close by were observed. An excavation is necessary to know about needed repairs and/or replacements. Backfill and sod may also be necessary. Estimated cost is *Not to Exceed* (NTE) \$10,107.
- Proposal 36806 (behind 127 Opera Court): This break has been a past concern. As a result, Montgomery Irrigation will apply a credit for prior attempts to correct it. Now, it appears there are deeper pipes involved than previously recognized, and the entire manifold requires excavation and reconstruction. The cost, NTE \$10,042, will be offset by any credit allowance and reuse of existing equipment.
- Proposal 37388 (behind 141 Concerto Ave): This proposal corrects a break at a valve box. A section of pipe needs to be removed and replaced and reconnected to one of the valves. The NTE cost is \$1,729.

August HOA Meeting Board Votes: The following projects and/or activities for the community were approved at the August 5 HOA meeting:

- Concert Hall Audio/Visual Upgrade: Provide and install a new Apple TV wireless video streamer, improve the HDMI connection, adjust projectors, and reprogram the remote-control system for easier operation. Batchelder proposal approved for \$1,663.12.
- Investment Policy Revision: The Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee recommended a revision to the Terms of Reference (Appendix A) to require SV HOA invested funds be in FDIC-insured accounts or an obligation of the U.S. Government to guarantee adequate coverage for investments.
- Bluebird House Installation: Approved was the installation of two bluebird houses on common areas, one behind 149 Symphony Way and the other behind 138 Encore Court.

- Purple Martin House Replacement: Residents requested approval to replace the existing Purple Martin house in the common area at no cost to the HOA.
- Sidewalk Replacement and Root Barrier Request for Proposal (RFP): The Operations Committee recommended an RFP be developed for a total of 55-60, 4'x4' sidewalk blocks raised ½" or more, requiring some tree roots to be cut that are 2" or less in width. This RFP will not include warranted sidewalk sections previously repaired by Precision Concrete, to be repaired at no cost to the HOA. Sidewalk blocks not covered by the warranty are anticipated to cost not more than \$3K.
- Mainline Irrigation Leak (Symphony Way): L&I recommended the Board approve Level Green Proposal 36798 for the investigation and repair of a mainline leak near 510 Symphony Way to avoid flooding. Only an excavation will reveal the problem. Since this project will require shutting down a large section of the community, this work will not be initiated until September. NTE is \$10,250.
- Tree Planting: L&I recommended seven replacement street trees with two trees for common areas. Trees will be planted in the October timeframe at a cost NTE \$5,500.
- Common Area Aeration and Overseeding: L&I recommended a fall overseed of the common areas this September for ~\$5.5K, as has been done in prior years. Of note, L&I recommends aeration and overseeding on residential areas to be every other year, and not this year.
- Fidelity Investment CD Purchase: B&F recommended the \$480,000 received from maturing June CDs be invested in staggering (15, 18, 24, and 30 month) timeframes with Fidelity Investments.
- Adkins Arboretum (AA) Sustainable Landscaping: Adkins Arboretum invited Symphony Village to participate in a grant proposal to Shore Rivers for education and programming re sustainable low-impact landscaping based upon Maryland House Bill 322. Due to the short timeline to obtain information for the Board and L&I to make an assessment, a letter of interest will be sent from the community to gather facts.
- Covenants Committee Request—Non-Approved Exterior Modifications Repercussion: The Covenant Committee has requested the HOA to address, in writing, repercussion to homeowners should they either partially or fully complete an exterior modification that has not been approved; ignore a violation; or persist in violations after being notified of a prior violation. The recently HOA-contracted property management company, ProCom, will research and make recommendations for appropriate repercussions for residents to the Board and General Manager.
- Stormwater Inlet Inspection: The Operations Committee recommended Apex Companies, LLC be hired to review the stormwater grates identified and mapped by the Committee in community swales for a cost NTE \$1,000.

For additional information on any of the Board contracts and/or details voted upon, please review the HOA June 3 Board meeting Reference Materials, <https://symphonyvillage.net/202208-board-reference-materials>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ELECTION NOTIFICATION

CAROL PEED

At the end of 2022, Symphony Village Homeowners will be filling two vacancies on the HOA Board of Directors—both two-year terms. **On Friday, September 2**, the Nominating Committee will issue a formal *Call for Nominations* to the community. Nominations will not be accepted until nominations open formally on **Friday, September 2**. The following options will be available for submission of the nomination forms:

- The form may be downloaded from the community Website and submitted to the Management Office in person or email to gm@symphonyvillagehoa.com, by fax to 410-758-8509, or via postal mail to 100 Symphony Way, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

- An eBlast will be sent on September 2 with a link to submit nominations online.
- Hard copies of the nomination form will be available for pickup at the front desk at the Clubhouse. The completed form can be submitted to the Management Office by email to gm@symphonyvillagehoa.com, by fax to 410-758-8509, or via postal mail to 100 Symphony Way, Centreville, Maryland 21617.

The Website links to the online form and a printable version will be available on the Governance page of the Symphony Village Website.

Please note that nominations will close at **4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21**. All nomination forms must be submitted by **4 p.m.** to be counted.

Nominations will be kept private until all candidates have been contacted and validated. Immediately following validation, candidates will be asked to submit a Candidate Information Form no later than **4 p.m. on Monday, October 10**.

A homeowner may nominate himself/herself or another homeowner whom you feel is well suited to represent our community, is respectful of others, and has demonstrated they can work well as part of a team.

Once candidates are identified, residents will have the opportunity to hear from them and ask questions prior to the final vote. The *Meet the Candidates* forums are tentatively scheduled to be held on **October 27 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.** The forums will be in-person and via Zoom hybrid meetings.

The final election and results will be announced at the Symphony Village HOA Annual Board Meeting on **Wednesday, December 7**.

If you have any questions relating to the nominating process, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Rich Ryan (Chair), Tom Meringolo, Randy Officer, Joe Sikes, Carol Peed, or Patrick Ways (Board Liaison).

This process will continue throughout the next several months. Please watch for further instructions in the September edition of the *Libretto*.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in maintaining Symphony Village as a premier sought-after community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

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

Our *Wild and Friendly* art show continues in the Concert Hall. If you have not had a chance to view it, it's worth a trip. Many beautiful paintings, photographs, needlework, and mixed media are on exhibit. A Feast for the Eyes provided by talented friends and neighbors living in Symphony Village.

Our next show will be *Winter Wonders* at the end of October. Exact date TBD. So, get out your brushes, cameras, and needlework supplies and start preparing!

Most Thursday mornings, a group gets together in the Craft Room at 10 a.m. You can bring a project you are working on, share ideas and get inspired. All are welcome.

Nancy O'Brien is taking part in the KIFA invitational Alumni Exhibition running at the QAC Centre for the Arts in Centreville until August 27.

Guild Member Highlight: The following was written by Bob Ciesielski, an Artisans Guild committee member, about his artistic journey.



I have had an interest in art since childhood when I watched my father draw and paint. I was also inspired by teachers in my early school years. However, I did not take art seriously until my wife, Mary, signed me up for art lessons with painter and teacher, Jim Masters. Jim taught me drawing exercises that improved my ability to draw and paint what I see, not what I think I see. People have approached me to indicate that they have no ability to draw a straight line well, I use a straight edge and maul stick to steady my hand. The only advice I would give future artists is practice, practice, practice. So, pick up a pencil, pen, or brush and start your masterpiece!

LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION

BETTY McATEE



Just last month the International Union for Conservation of Nature announced that the migratory monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) was placed on its Red List of Threatened Species as *endangered*. The only known-highly evolved migratory insect, the monarch travels thousands of miles along eastern and western pathways across North America to winter in Mexico and southern California.

Several factors contribute to the struggle of these pollinators to survive, namely loss of native habitat, widespread use of pesticides, deforestation, and seasonal climate changes. Mitigation of these extraordinary factors presents extraordinary challenges. However, the ordinary homeowner can take action to help the survival of these butterflies by including important plants in their private gardens.

The larval stage (caterpillar) of monarchs depends totally on a group of milkweed plants (in the subfamily Asclepiadaceae) for food, namely *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly weed), *Asclepias syriaca* (common milkweed), and *Asclepias incarnata* (swamp milkweed). Monarch larvae eat the leaves of these plants, and adult monarchs lay eggs solely on the leaves of these plants. The blossom nectar of these plants provides nutrition for adult monarchs as does the nectar of many other native plants.



Asclepias Tuberosa

Before including these important native plants into a garden, the homeowner needs to have detailed knowledge of their physical, cultivation, and growing characteristics.

The *butterfly weed* grows one to three feet tall, preferring drier soils and full sun. It is mostly the larval food for monarchs. *Butterfly weed* is a prolific bloomer with plenty of nectar.

The *common milkweed* grows up to five feet tall in full sun in most soil types. Its horn-shaped seed pods contain seeds attached to flossy hairs for easy wind dispersal. Its leaves are rather large and ovate. A toxic white latex is released when the plant is cut.

The *swamp milkweed* prefers damp soil in full sun or partial shade. Its seed pods are relatively long and narrow with seeds attached to silky hairs, and easily spread by wind currents. It is an upright, branching plant that can also be a container plant.



Asclepias Syriaca

All three types of these milkweed plants are easily accessible at local retail nurseries, both in spring and fall. Also, they can be purchased at special native plant sales held locally, one at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, Maryland, with online sales held both in spring and fall.

After finding the right spot for each of these milkweeds in the garden, you are rewarded with no future pest treatments, no fertilization, and high tolerance for extreme weather conditions (drought or heavy rainfall). Providing a safe haven for monarch butterflies could not be easier, and the planet will thank you.



Asclepias incarnata

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

DEBORAH JONES-MILLER



Friends, sun, sand, and sea, that sounds like a summer to me. Unknown

We are fast approaching the last days of summer. There is still time to come out and enjoy many scheduled activities at Symphony Village. We would love to see you there.

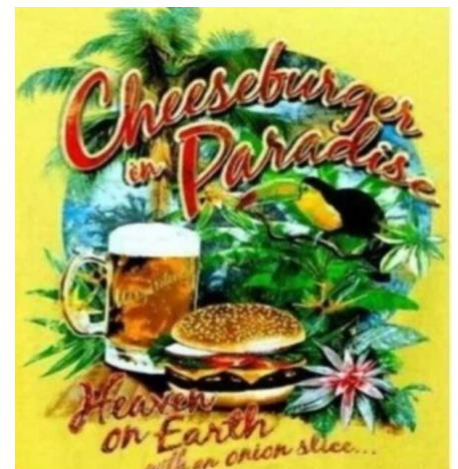
The Lifestyle Committee would like to thank Ed Beres for sponsoring the **Third Annual Symphony Village Ice Cream Social** that took place on July 20. Everyone enjoyed the frosty treats and neighbors took advantage of a perfect summer day.

The **July 15 Food Drive** to benefit Haven Ministries only served to highlight the generosity of Villagers. A truckload of food and \$845 was collected.

The **2nd Annual Cheeseburger in Paradise** was a huge success. It was an unforgettable event and a highlight of the summer. Many thanks go to Marie Bossie who, along with many volunteers (it really does take a village) worked long hours to bring the event together. Kudos to the “Burger Kings,” Dave Peterson, Randy Officer, and Alan Levin who manned the grills. As always, the fabulous Chris Sacks Duo helped

Villagers danced the night away. The response was so positive that we are looking forward to next year’s Paradise.

The **Social Hour for August 5** was sponsored by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). A big thanks goes to John Olsen and his team who provided helpful information concerning this vital service to the community. The August 20 Social Hour will be sponsored by Neighbor to



Neighbor. Come socialize and support the program that provides assistance with meals, access to some medical equipment, and other services to neighbors in need.



Our next big event is the annual Labor Day Picnic on **Sunday, September 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.** Come out and enjoy delectable catered food from Danielle’s Pit Stop. The menu includes pit beef, BBQ chicken, green beans, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, and condiments. The cost is \$17 per person. Please sign up in the Wall Street Room. Checks only to SVHOA—write *Labor Day* on memo line on check. Remember water, beer, soda, and wine are never included. They are available through the Social Club.



Let’s talk chili cook-off and square dancing. Don’t forget the Inaugural Chili Cook-off and Square Dance scheduled for **Friday, September 23, from 6 to 9 p.m.** You won’t want to miss this highlight of the fall season.



We got him—Jim Wass, professional square dance caller. He will get you on the dance floor and make you laugh, smile, dance (line dance, too) and stomp until you look silly. Wear your old jeans, colorful shirts, straw hats, sturdy shoes, or boots. Enjoy the chili cook-off with three winners, three trophies, and three prizes. A special shout-out to Economy Restoration for their generous donation, part of the many door prizes to be given throughout the event. The cost is \$8 per person. Sign up in the Wall Street Room. Checks only to SVHOA—write *Chili Cook-off* on the memo line on the

check. If you are not entering the chili cook-off contest, please bring a dessert or cornbread. Remember water, beer, soda, and wine are never included. Beverages are available through the Social Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 20	6 – 8 p.m.	Social Hour	Sponsored by Neighbor to Neighbor
Sunday, September 4	1 to 3 p.m.	Labor Day Picnic	Cost is \$17 per person. Please sign up in the Wall Street Room by August 26, 2022.
Saturday, September 17	8 to 12 noon	Symphony Village Fall Yard Sale	\$5 for each household that participates.
Friday, September 23	6 to 9 p.m.	Inaugural Chili Cook-Off and Square Dance at 6 p.m. and Square Dance at 7:30 p.m.	Cost is \$8 per person. Come out and sample chili made by SV residents. Then enjoy an evening of fun square dancing to burn those calories.
Friday, October 7	6 to 8 p.m.	Oktoberfest Social Hour	Come enjoy socializing, bratwurst, and German beer.
Tuesday, October 11	3:30 p.m. (departing Symphony Village)	Bus trip to National Theatre in Washington, D.C. to see “Tina”	SOLD OUT
Friday, October 21	6 to 8 p.m.	Frank Sinatra Night	Come enjoy the music of <i>Blue Eyes</i> through the performance of Frank Sinatra impersonator, Bud Falls.

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

I want to thank Operations members Len Saltiel, Charles Levay, Mike Norris, and Lloyd McAtee, who formed a working party on **August 6** to cut back overhanging branches from the walking path. We were joined by volunteers Charles Anderson and Bill Rowley who helped us hack through the forest and provide a clearer path for walkers and bicyclists. We even had a local deer show up, presumably to provide Quality Assurance.

Several Operations Committee items were addressed by the SV BOD at the August meeting:

- The SV BOD approved solicitation of replacement sidewalk sections based on the Committee's survey of the community. The Committee is working with the GM to finalize a Request for Proposals (RFP) for work to be done this fall.
- In a separate action the BOD decided against replacement of the putting green, so alternative solutions will be discussed between Operations, Landscape, and other interested committees.
- The BOD also approved funding for an inventory of our Stormwater swales. The Operations Committee had walked the whole system and Len Saltiel produced a map to be used to identify any areas of concern. Our stormwater system includes significant underground piping that is totally separate from the irrigation system. Leaks in this system would usually manifest as either depressions or even sinkholes.
- Lastly, there has been renewed interest in purchasing neighborhood benches to provide rest stops for our many walkers. The Operations Committee voted to support such a purchase, assuming funding could be identified in our operating budget. Accordingly, the Committee voted to recommend inclusion of such funding in the FY 2023 SV budget. Once funding is identified, the Committee will consider locations for these benches. The Committee also felt strongly that locations would only be considered in consultation with residents in adjacent houses.

Our next meeting is scheduled in the Clubhouse on **Thursday, August 18, at 10 a.m.** It will be a hybrid meeting so that residents can also attend virtually. We welcome resident participation to help us ensure our community remains one of the most attractive neighborhoods on the Eastern Shore.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

USING THE *LIBRETTO* ARCHIVES

Carol Hodges

Need to find a plumber, realtor, or computer repair service? Go to the *Libretto* Archives located on the SV Website. Choose any *Libretto* issue from the last three or four years. You will be able to go through that issue and see the ads. It may be necessary to read several issues before you find the company or person you need.

Another use is to read previous articles such as the Book Review. You can find a book you might like to read. There are usually three or four books listed at the end of every review. Also, there is a *Libretto Index* that categorizes articles for you. There are many articles of interest written over the last 15 years.

PET DIRECTORY

Len Saltiel

At our last Publications and Communications meeting, Skip Kornmeyer requested that we consider creating a Pet Directory on the Symphony Village website. A little history might be appropriate here. There was a *Pet Directory* webpage on the SV website in 2010. Sometime over the past 12 years, it was removed, likely

because there was no one to manage it. After discussion, the P&C Committee decided to proceed and reintroduce the *Pet Directory* to our SV Community.

I am pleased to announce that the *Pet Directory* webpage has been created, and we are ready to have residents send us photos of their beloved pets along with some pertinent information. The information required is as follows: pet's name, pet's breed (if applicable), birth year, and resident's name and address. Please send this information to me at ljsaltiel@gmail.com and attach a photo of your pet to the email.

If there are any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me via email or cell phone (860-539-4304) or Skip Kornmeyer (443-386-6553 or skornmeyer@msn.com). I would like to thank Skip for making this request. We both believe this addition to our [Website](#) will be a fun and popular page. To view the new **Pet Directory Webpage**, click <https://symphonyvillage.net/pet-directory-main>.

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED



Do you like to take pictures?
We need a volunteer to occasionally
take pictures of new residents to
include in our photo directory. If you
are interested, please contact
P&C Chairman MK Kerr.

OUTREACH—SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC.

SUE CANFIELD

Dear Neighbors,

It is very exciting to have so many new residents of Symphony Village. We need your energy and your support to continue to keep Symphony Village the neighborhood it has always been and even make it better. As you read about two great volunteer opportunities, I hope some of you will come and say, *I can do that!*

The Symphony Village Outreach Program was originally formed with two things in mind:

- To volunteer financial support to local services and support educational programs and other lawful, charitable organizations within Queen Anne's County (QAC).
- To provide compassionate, short-term assistance for the SV residents during times of illness, temporary disability, and death in the family. Outreach is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In the past, we sponsored fundraisers throughout the years such as the Artisans Fair at the Clubhouse in September, a food drive in November for QAC Food Pantry, and an Annual Card Party. We also sponsored monthly Bingo and a Luncheon and Tea.

Proceeds raised for these events are used to support non-profit organizations within Queen Anne's County, such as the Friends of the Library, University of Maryland Shore Emergency Center, the QAC Crossroads Community, Inc. Dental Program, Our Haven Shelter, QAC Department of Emergency Services, Compass Regional Hospice, Camp New Dawn, and the Goodwill Fire Company. There are other nonprofit organizations within QAC that we support on an annual basis as well.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee is also under the umbrella of SV Outreach. Neighbor to Neighbor provides short-term volunteer support to our residents and is staffed by street captains. Brochures with the names of the street captains are available in the Wall Street Room in the Clubhouse. These volunteers organize and provide meals on a short-term basis during a crisis and help with transportation during times of illness, temporary disability, or the loss of a family member residing in Symphony Village. Neighbor to Neighbor also maintains an SV Memorial Book, also located in the Wall Street Room at the Clubhouse. We are always looking for new members; all SV residents are welcome to join. Come to one of our meetings and find out more about us.

- Outreach meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our next meeting will be September 22 at 3 p.m.
- Neighbor to Neighbor will meet on August 17 at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Symphony Village Outreach Program, Inc. presents the Annual Card and Game Party



October 19, 2022 – from 9:30-2:30 p.m.

Concert Hall—Donation—\$30

Gather friends, reserve a table, and have fun.

Sign-up now in the Wall Street Room.

Enjoy muffins, coffee, and a wonderful luncheon.

There will be a raffle and prizes.



SYMPHONY SNEAKERS—SNEAKERS 2023 HOA RAFFLE

LINDA FARRAR

Only 20 days left to get your raffle tickets giving you the opportunity to have your 2023 HOA Dues paid in full.

The tickets are \$30 per ticket or two tickets for \$50.

There are two ways to get your tickets:

- Make a check out to Symphony Sneakers and deposit it in the box in the Wall Street Room and we will deliver your tickets to your house.
- Come to the Clubhouse; we will be selling tickets in person at Social Hours and the Ladies Social Hour.

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

**Drawing: September 4, 2022
at the Clubhouse
\$30 per ticket or \$50 for two tickets**

The drawing of the winning ticket will be during the Symphony Village Labor Day festivities on September 4. By the way, you do not have to be at the drawing to win. Profits from the raffle will go to fund our programs in the Centreville area public schools. We thank you in advance for your support. Our next Sneakers meeting is **Wednesday, August 17, at 3 p.m.** in the Concert Hall. Everyone is invited to join Sneakers.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

BOCCE

PAT CIPRIANO



**Come play Bocce
Wednesdays
5 p.m. at the Bocce Court**

LUNCH BUNCH

BEA TROTTA & MARGE STRANO

The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Carrol's Creek Café on Thursday, September 15, at 12:30 p.m. Note that the Lunch Bunch will meet on the third Thursday in September to avoid the summer shore and Labor Day traffic. Carrol's Creek Cafe is in Annapolis at 410 Severn Avenue. We look forward to a wonderful waterside lunch and a beautiful September day on our first return visit since 2018. A water taxi is available from the dock near the restaurant to transport you to the Annapolis downtown shopping area. You can taxi back to the restaurant at the end of your shopping. The drive to the shops only takes five minutes, should you choose to drive. To look at the lunch menu, go to <https://carrolscreek.com/lunch-menu/>.



Sign up online for the September Lunch Bunch starting August 15 by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). You can also go to the [Symphony Village Website](#) and scroll down to *Current and Upcoming SV Events* and click the link. As usual, you can sign up in the Club Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (cell 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (cell 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR



CERT Hosted Social Hour—Thank you to all community members who were able to attend the SV CERT hosted Social Hour. There were lots of great safety questions asked, informative brochures distributed, CERT equipment on display, and a delicious cake. Also, thanks to Debra Hopkins of Queen Anne’s County Department of Emergency Services for an excellent display and for discussing CERT and safety issues with residents. A special thanks to Zina Lichaa for providing the unique CERT-themed cake.



Some members of the Symphony Village CERT (left to right): Dale Butler, Tegan Baumann, Debi Wells, Joe Sikes, Amy Landen, Jay Landen, John Olson, Cathy Olson, Jan Withers, Steve Nelson, Brenda Fellows, Eileen Rowley, Vinny Volpicelli, Mary Jo Keefe, Debra Hopkins (QAC), and Carol Saltiel. Seated: Bert Cert

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 to 6 p.m.** This open house event is open to all SV residents. You can come and go as desired. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the Wall Street Room so we can get an accurate head count of attendees.

There will be a series of demonstrations, activities, and exhibits open to all SV residents. Activities include CPR/AED training, home safety, *Meet the First Responders*, etc. Ambulance tours and *Stop the Bleed* training will take place outside the Clubhouse (weather permitting).

For the latest Safety Day information, scan the QR code.



Free Training Demonstrations **Symphony Village Safety Day** **Open to All Residents**

DATE: September 14, 2022
TIME: From 3 to 6 p.m.
WHERE: Concert Hall

Door Prizes Refreshments **Event Highlights** **Sign-up in the Wall Street Rm**

1. APPLY PRESSURE WITH HANDS **2. Stop the Bleed** **Talk to First Responders**

3. APPLY Tourniquet **CPR/AED** **Fire Suppression**

Sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services (QAC/DES) and the Symphony Village Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

UPCOMING CERT ACTIVITIES

- August CERT meeting—**August 16 at 4 p.m.** in the Concert Hall.
 - Symphony Village Safety Day—**September 14 from 3 to 6 p.m.**
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READING FOR FUN – JULY 2022 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club held a hybrid meeting on **July 19** to discuss *On Traigh Lar Beach* by Dianne Ebertt Beeff. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Kathryn & Jim Buckheit, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Peggy Decker, Sue Goldberg, Len & Carol Saltiel, Joanne Walker, and Bob Nilsson.

Much to my surprise, the meeting quickly morphed into an impeachment proceeding against the formerly beloved book club leader. Who knew such a procedure even existed in Symphony Village? I should have paid more attention to the SV document revisions. As the Club members recounted how much they disliked the book, I suggested I could have made them read it in Scottish. One member replied, “I might have liked it more that way.”

The (promising?) premise of the story was this. The narrator was combing the eponymous beach in a remote part of Scotland and discovered a random array of flotsam that had washed ashore. The narrator, who is a writer, proceeds to compose 12 short stories that imagine how the items arrived on the beach. The thirteenth item, a backstage pass to a rock concert, gets her literary juices flowing and results in a novella comprising the last half of the book.

The club members could not find a connecting thread as they read through the widely, varied items, and their stories. Confusing things even more, each story identified a different plant that is native to Traigh Lar Beach, but those selections seemed random as well. Maybe a better title would have been *A Bunch of Stuff on the Beach*.

The predominant question asked was “Why did the author write this story?” A follow-on question was directed at me: “Why did you make me read this book?” I had no good answer except that the book was highly recommended by my daughter, effectively throwing my daughter under the bus.

As Book Club leader, I classified this meeting as an executive session; and, therefore, am unable to report the results of any impeachment vote. The Club voted the book a score of 3.3, ranking at the lowest score on our list. I think the book would have received a better score if it had turned out that items on the beach were the contents of the SV time capsule. At least one mystery would have been solved.

We hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at **7 p.m.** in the Clubhouse. We have started to hold hybrid meetings, so contact me if you would like to attend virtually. My email is sikes.withers@yahoo.com

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

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—*Old Woman with the Knife* by Gu Byeong-mo



SCHEDULED PICKLEBALL TIMES
 Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8 a.m.

The SV pickleball courts are sizzling with four courts going on any given scheduled day of play. We've welcomed some new players and would love to welcome more. Please consider joining us one morning for some great exercise and fun. Please note the start time for the month of August has been adjusted to 8 a.m. due to the extreme heat.



Unscramble the pickleball terms below and match the unscrambled word to the definitions below.

NIKD
 DLPDAE
 TKCINEH

CPAOH
 LOVLYE

- The equivalent to the racket in racquetball or tennis; made of wood, composite, or graphite.
- Slang term for the non-volley zone.
- A soft shot that arcs over the net and falls into the opposing non-volley zone.
- Hitting the ball in the air before the ball has a chance to bounce onto the pickleball court.
- In doubles pickleball, to cross over into your partners side of the court to hit a shot.

I hope you enjoyed this month's article...something a bit different. 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.

SV QUILT GROUP

MARYKAY KERR

The SV Quilt Group recently finished a summer project of creating colorful holiday fabric stockings. The ladies sewed and completed 69 stockings that will be donated and filled with goodies and necessities and forwarded to our troops.

The SV Quilt Group is changing its meeting day. Beginning in September, the group will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Craft Room. Scheduled meeting days are **September 7 and 21 at 10 a.m.** If you are into sewing and fabric, please join us. New members are always welcome. Just bring your creative projects, ideas, and suggestions to our next meeting. Share projects you may be working on and give us suggestions for a road trip or two.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September 17

Please mark your calendars!
Event: Bi-Partisan Meet & Greet
Town of Centreville Council Candidates
Date: Tuesday, September 17
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Clubhouse – Concert Hall

The Symphony Village Board of Directors invites you to meet the Town of Centreville Council candidates to hear about key issues facing our community on Tuesday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. Listening to or having a dialogue with the candidates may have a positive influence on the decisions that are made for the Town of Centreville and our community. We hope you will join us!

QUEEN ANNE'S CHORALE FALL SEASON

TOM ALAND

Queen Anne's Chorale is pleased to announce its 35th season with the Fall 2022 semester. Currently, the Chorale is accepting new singers for all voice parts. As a *no tryout* group, you will find your fellow singers welcoming despite varying skill levels. The rehearsals are fun, relaxing, and laughing is encouraged. No experience is required. Practice starts in September.

Monday night rehearsals begin **September 12** at Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Road. Each semester begins with an *Open House* to welcome new and returning singers. Registration starts at **6:30 p.m.**, with **rehearsal at 7 p.m.** and ending with a brief social. Regular **7 to 9 p.m.** weekly rehearsals resume **September 19 and run through November 28.**

Participants will be preparing repertoire for concerts on the weekend of **December 3 and 4.** The theme is *Peace and Harmony.* Selections include old favorites such as *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, How Lovely Are the Messengers, Grown Up Christmas List,* and *Let There Be Peace on Earth* along with other holiday standards that all ages will enjoy. Each concert includes the Select Ensemble, a traditional audience singalong, and other special music.

Queen Anne's Chorale is supported in part through grants from the United Way of Queen Anne's County, the Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, and the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. For more information visit www.qachorale.org. Email artisticdirector@qachorale.org with any questions.

CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

CENTREVILLE AND SURROUNDINGS

CHARLOTTE GODFREY

Scroll through this listing to discover several possible adventures. My husband and I, and two friends from Symphony Village had a grand day **Saturday, August 6,** first heading to the Godfrey's Farm Peach Festival, then on to Chestertown for wonderful pizza at Bad Alfred's, and later enjoying the Baltimore Symphony at Wilmer Park. By the way, there is a vendor just off Cross Street that sells fabulous homemade pot pies year-round at Chestertown's Saturday morning market.



Godfrey's Farm open through Labor Day



Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at the Wilmer Park

Centreville Farmers' Market: Sundays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine, Lawyer's Row, through **October 9.**

Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market: Saturdays year-round, 8 a.m. – noon, Fountain Park, High Street.

Summer Daze Market at Linchester Mill: Monday, August 26, 5 – 8 p.m. Linchester Rd., Preston, support local crafters and grab dinner to take home.

Kent Island Farmer's Market: Thursdays year-round, 3 – 6 p.m., at Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville. (Wonderful freshly baked bread!)

Cambridge Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 – 6 p.m., 100 High St. at Long Wharf.

St. Michaels Farmers' Market: Saturday mornings between 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 204 South Talbot Street. stmichaelsfarmersmarket.org

Tilghman Little Big Market: local farmers, bakers, artists and more. Held on the last **Sunday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – noon, through September (August 28, and Sept. 25).** Located at the Tilghman Wharf parking lot, 6129 Tilghman Island Road. TilghmanLBM@gmail.com

Easton's Farmers' Market: Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Public Parking Lot.

First Sunday Arts Festival in Annapolis: from **May to November at 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6),** along West Street—over 100 vendors, Live entertainment, Cafe dining.

Cars on High: See exotic old cars on Main and High Streets in Chestertown, **Thursday, August 18 at 6 – 8 p.m.**

“Camelot”: The Tred Avon Players in Oxford, Maryland, **Thursday through Sunday, August 18 – 21, and August 25 – 28.** tredavonplayers.com

Ocean City Grand Prix: Friday through Sunday, August 19 – 21.

St. Michaels Labor Day Weekend Art Show and Sale: Free and open to the public Saturday and Sunday, **September 3 – 4 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, located on the lawn of the United Methodist Church at 304 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels.

Art Walks: Tour and free receptions at six galleries starting at 5 p.m. in downtown Cambridge on **Saturday, September 10**, www.DowntownCambridge.org; and stroll the streets and enjoy visual arts, fine crafts, and live music in the galleries of Chestertown on **Saturday, September 17**. www.townofchestertown.com

2022 Chestertown Jazz Festival: The Many Moods of New Orleans Music, **Thursday, September 8, at 8 p.m.** at The Mainstay in Rock Hall, and **Saturday, September 10** at Wilmer Park from noon – 6 p.m. Ticket info: 410-810-2060. www.garfieldcenter.org.

Alumni Invitational Art Exhibition: at the Queen Anne’s County Centre for the Arts located at 206 S. Commerce Street, open **Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** See how an eclectic group of artists on the Eastern Shore interpret the traffic in our lives. Call 410-827-2520 for more information or see online at www.qacartists.com. Also, an exhibit of the Queen Anne’s County Public Schools Faculty Art Show from **Friday, September 9 through Friday, October 7**.

Thursdays in the Park 2022 Concert Schedule:

- Enjoy music by Red Betty and the Ruckus at the Cascia Winery **August 18 at 7 p.m.**,
- Enjoy music by Rosewood at 7 p.m. at Kent Island Resort **August 25**,
- Enjoy The Sunny Isle Band at 6 p.m. at Cascia Winery **September 1**.

The *Attraction* - Pick up a copy of the August 2022, *Attraction* in the Clubhouse for wonderful descriptions of numerous activities happening this month and early September. I have added magazine page numbers for your further review of the events.

- Legacy Day weekend, **Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21** in Chestertown, celebrating African American veterans. p. 13
- Caroline Summerfest 2022 Festival in Denton – **Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20 from 5 – 9 p.m.** One last hurrah of family, friends, and food coupled with great music on three stages, and free arts activities. p. 31.
- Tour the Horn Point Lab and learn about the Chesapeake Bay every **Tuesday at 10 a.m. (August 23 and 30) through Labor Day**. (p. 20 of July issue).
- Ridgely Train Station open the first Saturday of every month through September.

Queen Annes’s County Library: qaclibrary.org – pick up summer event booklet at CEN branch

- Did you know you can take 6-week Gale courses on a wide range of highly interactive instructor led courses entirely online through the library for free?
- Summer Reading 2022 Program “Oceans of Possibilities,” all ages.
- Monthly knitting night – **August 10 at 6 p.m.**, KI Branch
- Crime & a Cuppa, hour of mystery, humor, and thrills, discussing new and old crime novels, **Saturday, August 20, at 10 a.m.** at CEN branch
- Book Club without the book – learn about favorites, **Tuesday, 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. **Wednesday, August 31, at 6 p.m.**, CEN branch
- Adult Yoga – registration required. **Thursdays, July 7, through August 25 at 6:30 p.m.**, CEN branch
- Technology Help – schedule your 1-on-1 help, appt. at either branch.

The Adkins Arboretum: 410-634-2847, www.adkinsarboretum.org

- RE-VISION, site specific sculpture and poetry by Howard and Mary McCoy, on view through **September 30**.
- Anna Harding Botanical Drawings of plants, animals, and insects on display through **Saturday, September 3**.
- Wild Food Forest Walk **Sunday, September 19, 1 – 2:30 p.m.** Guided walk to explore historical foodways, learn about cooking to optimize nutrition and reduce toxins.
- First Saturday Walks: Explore the Arboretum's rich and unique native plant habitats: **September 3, October 1, November 5, and December 3 at 10 a.m.**

The Avalon Theatre in Easton:

- **Summer outdoor concerts** located at Harrison St. between Dover and Goldsborough and begin at 7 p.m. The U.S. Navy Band Country Current on **Saturday, August 20**, and Motown & More **Saturday, August 27**. Shows inside the Avalon are listed on p. 60 of the August *Attraction* and include The Dustbowl Revival on **August 18**, and Judy Collins on **September 9**.
- **Avalon Jazz Experience Labor Day weekend:** hear trumpeter Dominick Farinacci on Friday, September 2, at 8 p.m.; Marcus Roberts Modern Jazz Generation play **Saturday, September 3 at 8 p.m.**; and Jon Thomas and Firm Roots play **Sunday, September 4 at 4 p.m.**, see p. 60 in the August *Attraction*

If you know of any events you'd like to share, please email them to me at godfreycb@me.com

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