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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!



Lisa Wolf 141 Sonata Way

2024 SV HOA BOD

APRIL 2024 SV HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NANCY EMERICK, PRESIDENT

If you weren't able to attend the April 3 Board of Director's meeting, I'm happy to give you the highlights of the business items we discussed. Please refer to the meeting packet materials for specific details. You can find these on the SV Website under governance.

Old Business:

- Water Meter Flagpole The Town of Centreville has no updates on timing of installation.
- Saltwater Pool Conversion Ongoing investigation by Operations Committee
- Home Inspections Watch for pre-inspection notices in your mailbox this month.

Contracts and Proposals:

- Stormwater Pond Management Contract with new vendor, Lake Source; approved
- Clubhouse Trash Collection Contract with new vendor, Blue Hen Disposal; approved
- Indoor Pool and Spa Refurbishment Proposal from Anchor Aquatics; approved
- Repair of Indoor Pool Heater Proposal from Anchor Aquatics; approved
- Hazardous Tree Removals Two trees -Proposal from Bartlett Tree; approved
- Clubhouse Interior Design Consultant fee request; approved
- Clubhouse Roof Leak Repair Proposal from AM Diversified; approved

Of note, April is National Volunteer Month. Please remember to compliment and celebrate your neighbors and friends who serve on the Symphony Village committees. The amount of time and work they donate to our

community is astounding. As president of the Board, I speak for all of us by saying thank you to everyone for all that you do!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

Everyone has a creative skill that allows them to make a piece of art that will be appreciated by others. Over the years, in addition to paintings and photos, the Artisans Guild has displayed on the walls of the Clubhouse Concert Hall items that were made using bottle caps, paint stirrers, stones, wood, glass, fabric, shells, etc. The

ability to create art is endless and ageless. Grandma Moses didn't start painting until she was in her later years. The majority of us have and use cell phones to take pictures, some of those pictures are more than worthy of being enlarged, framed, and shared with your fellow residents.

The Artisans Guild is always looking for different ways to be creative. Recently, Linda Butler demonstrated - to the amazement of class attendees-the art of acrylic paint pouring. Some of her completed art is currently on the walls of the Concert Hall. If you have a desire to learn more about a given medium or have a skill that you are willing to share, please come to one of our meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall.

Pictured is Sue Peterson watching Linda Butler's demonstration.

A new Art Show will begin in May. The theme is PATTERNS. On Thursday, May 2, from 10 - 12, we will start collecting new artwork with the accompanying paperwork that can be found at Symphony Village Artisans webpage. Contact Janet O'Connor at 410-375-7081 for more information. Patty Smith will be our Featured Artist. Her artwork will delight you! The Art Show will kick off with a Reception on Sunday, May 5, from 4 - 6 p.m., Debi Wells Hooper will display her collection of Railroad Patterns in a Tablescape at the Reception only. Don't miss it!

COVENANTS COMMITTEE



Walking through the neighborhood, it is always so amazing how many friendly and kind people we have living in Symphony Village, who stop to greet neighbors as they walk by. The beauty of the neighborhood with all the well-designed landscaping, colorful flowers, and well-kept homes is outstanding. I thank each homeowner for their hard work and for adhering to the Architectural Requirements for the community. These efforts are noticed!

Each month, the Covenants Committee will be highlighting an Architectural Requirement. (The entire document can be found at

symphonyvillage.net, click on SV Governing Documents, and then click on Architectural Requirements on the right side of the page.) This month's topics are vard ornaments, birdhouses, and bird feeders. Yard ornaments are allowed in existing garden beds, on porches, patios, and decks, with a limit of six and a height not exceeding four feet. They are not permitted in any common area. Birdhouses and bird feeders may be placed in private area garden beds in the rear of the home. They are not allowed in the front of the house or in any common area. (The common area includes the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street.)

DAVE PETERSON, VICE-CHAIR



JANE DIEPENBROCK, CHAIR

Thank you to all the homeowners who have submitted Exterior Modification Forms for your exterior home projects. The Covenants Committee has enjoyed working with you and has been striving to handle each EMF in a timely manner. In our February meeting, we considered and voted on twenty-five EMFs. This means that prior to the meeting, a Covenants Committee member met with each homeowner to review the project, so that they could adequately represent the project to the rest of the committee before the vote.

The exciting part is that we got to meet many wonderful neighbors. Our recommendation is that if you have an EMF being considered at a Covenants Committee meeting, that you attend the meeting in case there are any questions. This could avoid the EMF being sent back for more information.



We would love to have you join us, even if it just for the EMF portion of the meeting. One more note, if you do submit an EMF, you will be receiving a phone call from a committee member to set up a time to review the EMF with you. Please note that these calls may come from a North Carolina number (my cell) or a New York number (another committee member's cell), so please do not ignore us. We will leave a voicemail and/or send an email, if we cannot reach you.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time by sending an email to mathtutor2pir@gmail.com.

LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION

KATHY MCMANUS

Due to the fact that we have hundreds of Crepe Myrtles in Symphony Village, I thought this article would be of interest to the community.

Reprinted with permission of Garrett Dickel, Bartlett Tree Arborist

Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale



Spring is when many insect pests of trees become active and begin feeding on new growth. Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale are tiny sap-sucking insects that have a devastating impact on Crepe Myrtle trees. These pests are extremely common in our area.

Scale insects like this feed on chlorophyll and other tree nutrients. Wilting leaves, thinning of the canopy, premature leaf drop. and branch dieback are all signs of infestation. In addition, these pests produce honeydew, a sticky substance that is difficult to remove and attracts sooty mold fungi.

Taking action now, before damage becomes widespread, provides the

most effective control to keep your Crepe Myrtles beautiful. Please call me at 410-643-5700 or contact me online at <u>gdickel@Bartlett.com</u> to schedule a complimentary consultation.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

MARIE BOSSIE, CHAIR KATERI COOMBE, CORRESPONDENT

Happy Spring Symphony Village!

Safari Presentation

On Monday, March 18, Mary Ciesielski hosted a presentation by Linda Wilson <u>linda.safaris@icloud.com</u>, owner of Untamed Expeditions, Easton, Maryland; Annabelle Francescon, Warden of Kenya Wildlife Service; and Peter Karanja, Director of Maniago Safaris, who told us all about safaris in Kenya and efforts to save rare

animals in the area. We learned about the plans to use IVF to bring back the Northern White Rhino (only two females left that live in northern Kenya).

Safaris are pretty exotic for most people, so to see the gorgeous upscale places to stay, adaptations for tourists with limited mobility, the beautiful tables set for meals outdoors – so interesting! Bugs are not a problem!

The videos and photographs of elephants, lions, tigers, giraffes, and herds of wildebeests were fascinating.

Thank you to Linda and her associates from Kenya for an enthralling presentation, and thank you to Mary Ciesielsski for bringing them to SV!





St. Patrick's Day Social Hour

A grand time was had by our SV neighbors on the evening of Saturday, March 16.

Mary Ciesielski, Phyllis Endrich, and Debbie Shiley served about 50 Irish Coffees with Jameson whiskey, coffee, brown sugar, and real whipped cream. This year nobody requested just the Jameson please!

Debbie made a delicious Rueben dip, which was sampled by many.

Thank you to our neighbors for joining in the spirit of the occasion!

Earth, Wind and Fire / Chicago Concert

A big thank you to Randy Officer for setting up and showing this epic concert that was recorded live at the Greek Theatre. Great music and lots of fun was had by all. By the way, the sound was great, and we even had some dancing going on!

Watch for the next Concert Night in June which features Neil Diamond. You won't want to miss it!





Haven Ministries

Haven Ministries Meet and Greet on Tuesday, April 9, was a great success with over 30 villagers in attendance. Peter Grim, Executive Director, and Michelle Walls, Director of Business Development and Fundraising, shared information on current and new initiatives, how to make donations online via Amazon and opportunities for volunteering. Please go to <u>haven-ministries.org</u> for more information about Haven Ministries programs, services, events, etc., and see the flyer with a list of volunteer opportunities later in the *Libretto*.

Thank you to Mary Officer for bringing Michelle and Peter here to present the information.

Upcoming Events & Save the Date

Line Dancing Demonstration

Diane Moorman White, who previously taught at the YMCA, will be conducting a Soul Line Dancing Demonstration Class, on **Wednesday, April 24** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Concert Hall. The demonstration is free, and it's fun! Sign up in the Wall Street Room Lifestyle Binder.

Preakness Social Hour

On Saturday, **May 18**, Social Hour will feature our annual celebration of The Preakness. We will have race pools, as we have in the past. Dust off those special hats and fascinators (prizes will be awarded), make your favorite Maryland appetizer or dessert to share, and come on out for a fun-filled evening!

... And speaking of Social Hour

Thank you to Carolyn Harty and Kathy Becker for all you do setting up for the Social Hours. **WE NEED HOSTS!** It's easy, it's fun!

Our next Social Hour is April 20 and will be hosted by Pat and Jim Niehus. Kathy Jones will sing and play her guitar to entertain us with 60s, 70s and 80s classic, acoustic rock. Please come and enjoy! Remember to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and maybe a small amount of cash.

Healthy Lifestyles

Meetings are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Concert Hall. Please contact Carolyn Harty if you have any questions (<u>mdgalonthemove@yahoo.com</u>).

Movie Night

Randy Officer will show *One Life* on **Saturday, April 2**7, at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Bring your snacks and come join neighbors to watch this moving and true story of Nicholas Winton (played by Anthony Hopkins), a brave hero who helped 669 Jewish children escape from Czechoslovakia in 1939.







Spring Yard Sale

The spring yard sale will be held on Saturday, **April 27, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m**. Sign up in the Wall Street Room. The cost is a \$5 check made payable to SVHOA, put "Yard Sale" in the memo line, and place your check in the black box. Maps will be handed out at the entrance in front of the Clubhouse.

And what follows the spring yard sale?

Dumpster Day

Ed Beres, of ReMax Executive, again this year is providing us with a dumpster on **April 29**. The dumpster will be at the end of Taylor Mill Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year, however, Ed will not be able to assist in loading items into the dumpster. Marty Pawtowski and Tom Meringolo have agreed to help with heavier items to be loaded from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. If there are any strong backs out there that could help from 9 - 11 a.m., it would be greatly appreciated! Call Kateri Coombe at 443-994-5014 if you can help even for an hour.

Please remember, no items are to be left outside of the dumpster, and once the dumpster is full no other items will be accepted.

This is a list of what is NOT acceptable to be put in the dumpster:

- Medical waste
- Florescent light bulbs
- Dehumidifiers
- Microwaves
- TVs
- Monitors
- Asbestos containing items
- Flammable substances

- Paint (unless it is latex and fully dried)
- Contaminated dirt
- Explosive substances, including propane tanks and aerosol cans
- Bamboo
- Furniture
- Tires

• Chemicals

1-HOUR FREE SEMINAR:

Photos on Apple[®] Devices - A Deep Dive ~ WEDNESDAY • MAY 8, 2024 • 6:00 - 7:00PM • SYMPHONY VILLAGE

Join David McKee for this interactive and informative session

your iPhone - and then quickly editing, organizing, and sharing them with family and friends across iPhone, iPad and Mac.

David's sister and brother-in-law live in Symphony Village. An

harness the magic and power of Photos on your Apple devices.

Apple Technologist for more than 36 years, David will lead this fun & informative seminar that will help you simplify, demystify, and

(with Q&A) to learn "best-practices" for taking great photos on

• White goods (large electrical goods such as washing machines, dryers, ovens, stoves, i.e. typically "white" in color")

Memorial Day Picnic

We will hold our annual Memorial Day picnic on **Sunday, May 26, 12 noon – 4 p.m**. The pool will be open. Fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw or pasta salad, and rolls will be provided. Please plan to bring a dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Wall Street Room. The cost this year is \$12 per adult, \$5 per child over six. Make your checks payable to SVHOA and put "Memorial Day" on the memo line. Come and enjoy the start of summer!

Community Wellness Screening

The QA County Health Department will be here the second Wednesday of each month, usually in the Craft Room, to do screenings. Their next visit will be **May 8**. No sign up necessary. Any questions call Eileen Rowley at 703-946-1075.

Photos on Apple Devices

On Wednesday, May 8, at 6 - 7 p.m., David McKee (brother of our SV neighbor Jane Melvin), will give an informative session for taking great photos on an iPhone, editing, organizing, and sharing them across other Apple devices. Please sign up in the Wall Street room.

Food Drive

On Wednesday, May 15, we will hold a Food Drive to benefit Haven Ministries. Their truck will be in the big parking lot on the right side of

the Clubhouse. Mary Officer will provide a list of items (food and dry goods) that Haven Ministries has the greatest need for ahead of time.

Isaiah's Ice Cream Truck

Isaiah's Ice Cream Truck is returning soon to SV! Dates and times TBD.

Cheeseburger in Paradise

July 23 – Chris Sacks will be performing again at Cheeseburger in Paradise.

If you are an Android user and are willing to share your expertise, please contact Marie Bossie or Kateri Coombe.

Again, please consider signing up to host a Social Night!

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

SUSAN RAYNER

Hello fellow Villagers, I am the new Chair (or seat cushion) of the P&C committee, so all complaints come to me and if the buck stops here, it's mine.

One of the new ideas relates to the masthead. It would be great if all of the photographers in the community would submit a seasonal photo to be used as our masthead. In lieu of that we have to resort to internet art, which we really don't want to do. The other idea we have is to use masthead art of our Clubhouse. Please, don't be shy, let us have your opinion, but better yet, let us have your seasonal photographs. This month we have Debi Wells Hooper to thank!

We are also introducing a new article called "In Review." This month Pat Glaunert submitted a review of the new Mexican restaurant in the Apple Shopping Center and Rosanna Tucker submitted one on Una Mas. These articles are not limited to restaurants. If you have seen a good movie, gone to a good local theater, and want to submit a review, please send your article to librettoeditors@gmail.com. We will do our best to include it in "In Review" for the upcoming month. We all like to share good finds.

We are also looking for recent photos of YOU, to enhance our online Directory. We use to have a photographer to take these shots but surely in this day and age we all have a great picture of ourselves. Please send them to Len Saltiel (ljsaltiel@gmail.com) so we can update our Directory.

Happy Spring All!

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.

SV received our requested neighborhood benches and they have been placed in the three designated areas as reported last month. Those locations are at the entrance to the Pond 1 walking path, across from the Bravo entrance along Harmony Way. and near 235 Opera Court.

The BOD released funds earmarked in the SV 2024 budget for future Clubhouse interior design. Our design subcommittee will be conferring with professional consultant Ashby Williams. The subcommittee, chaired by Sue Canfield and Mary Colling-Officer, is pursuing a master plan for future Clubhouse replacements as laid out in the SV Replacement Reserve Study. We are striving to ensure nearer term actions, such as painting and carpeting, are consistent with longer term replacements.

The committee also received a proposal from our pool contractor, Anchor Aquatics, for secondary sanitation in the indoor pool. We had requested recommendations to improve conditions regarding odor and water softness. The proposal involves a UV/Ozone system which is one of three secondary systems currently used in the pool

industry. We will meet with Anchor Aquatics to better understand how the system will work and seek local locations which currently employ this method.

Our next meeting will be held April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The meeting will be hybrid and all residents are welcome to attend either in person or virtually.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

John Olson – CERT Coordinator

Severe Weather Safety on the Eastern Shore





Spring and summer bring sunshine, but also the potential for a variety of severe weather threats on the Eastern Shore. Powerful thunderstorms can unleash lightning strikes, strong winds, hail, and flash floods. While tornadoes are less frequent here, the sudden nature of these storms makes a plan crucial. Coastal flooding from storm surge and overflowing rivers and bays due to heavy rain are additional concerns.

Knowing the difference between a watch and a warning is key. A **watch** means conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in the coming hours, urging you to stay informed and prepare. A **warning** signifies the severe weather is imminent or already happening – it's time to act and seek shelter according to your plan. Don't wait for a warning – a watch is your cue to be ready!

Here's how to be prepared:

- **Sign up for emergency alerts:** Get real-time warnings from Queen Anne's County at [https://www.qac.org/325/Emergency-Services] (Click "Sign Up for QAC Citizen Alert").
- **Make a communication plan:** Decide how you'll contact family during and after severe weather. Establish a meeting place outside your home in case you get separated.
- **Plan your shelter:** Identify a safe haven in your home for each type of threat. For tornadoes, go to the lowest level interior room away from windows. For floods, move to a higher level if possible.
- **Prepare an emergency kit:** Assemble a kit with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, water, medications, a first-aid kit, a flashlight with extra batteries, a battery-powered radio (with extra batteries), a whistle, a dust mask, and important documents in a waterproof container. Don't forget a cell phone charger.
- **Practice your plan:** Conduct regular drills with your family to ensure everyone knows where to go and what to do during different severe weather events.

By taking these steps and staying informed, you can be better prepared to stay safe throughout the spring and summer months on the Eastern Shore. Remember, a little planning can go a long way in protecting yourself and your loved ones during severe weather.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH PROGRAM, INC.

JOANN WALKER, PRESIDENT



GOT PAPER?

SHREDDING DAY MAY 15

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tennis Court Parking Lot

P.O. Box 642 Centreville, Maryland 21617

Outreach would like to thank Mary Ciesielski and her Village Group Realtors of Long and Foster for sponsoring a shredding Day on May 15. Bring all your documents to the tennis court parking lot for secure shredding. There is no cost for the shredding; however, a donation to Outreach would be appreciated.

Author's Luncheon

Reserve your seat for the upcoming Author's Luncheon, May 22. Please drop a \$35 check in the purple lockbox in the Wall Street Room and a ticket will be delivered to you. Please make the check out to SVOPI.



ANNE MASON

LADIES SOCIAL HOUR

At Ladies Social Hour on March 21 a great time was had by all! We had some "Good Southern Cookin"-Jambalaya! Look back at fun the SV ladies had that evening!



Thursday, April 25, "One potato, two potato, three potato. get ready." Sign up in the Wall Street Room.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE COFFEE BAR HELP!

PAT FOX AND KATHY MCMANUS

Hi All, in 2015 a small committee of residents got together to create the SV Coffee Bar adjacent to the regular bar. Some of the original committee members are still involved, but we would be thrilled to have several new folks working with us since we all try to get away periodically.

We set up a schedule for checking, refilling, purchasing supplies, changing Brita water filters, cleaning the Keurig pot etc. Several of us do certain tasks continuously. Kathy McManus prepares the schedule; I do most of the supply purchasing and keeping the revenue records. We usually have a week at a time scheduled to check the coffee bar. It's easy to change out days if you are away. It is once every 4 - 6 weeks.

While the developer's general manager spotted us the preliminary coffee, creamer, sugar, and hot cups, our \$1 price per drink has covered our expenses since then. Our committee members donated the original Keurig pot, money jar, trays etc.

Please let us know if you would be interested in helping. We are so thrilled this effort has sustained itself over the years! Thanks. Pat Fox – <u>patfoxsv@gmail.com</u>; Kathy McManus – <u>kpmcmanus317@yahoo.com</u>

WELCOME BACK TO THE LUNCH BUNCH

Welcome back! The new Lunch Bunch season begins on May 9. All residents from Symphony Village are welcome to attend. We usually travel to local destinations on the Eastern Shore and Annapolis to enjoy a variety of luncheon experiences and order off the restaurant menu.

Most restaurants accommodate us with a separate check for each participant. Sign-up directions are listed below.

The May Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the <u>Severn Inn</u> in Annapolis on **Thursday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m.** located at 1993 Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard. Enjoy a wonderful Symphony Village Newsletter – April 15, 2024

BEA TROTTA AND MARGE STRANO



View from the Severn Inn

lunch and panoramic views of Annapolis and the Severn River. Shopping in downtown Annapolis is only a tenminute ride away from the restaurant. Sign up on-line by using the <u>Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link</u>. If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the Activities Book. Keep our reservation count accurate, only sign up in one place. Please call Bea Trotta at 610-217-4754 or Marge Strano at 609-221-6378 if you have questions.

READING FOR FUN - MARCH 2024 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on March 19 to discuss **The Twyford Code** by Janice Hallett. Attendees included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Judy Sutter, Carol Saltiel, Donna Harkins, Peggy Decker, Sue Goldberg, and Meg Greeley. Diane Heffernan. Kathryn Buckheit, and Jim Buckheit did not attend but provided scores separately.

Our March selection returned us to Earth after our record breaking scores last month. The plot description for author Hallett's story was intriguing and garnered votes from sufficient club members to place it on our reading list. The Twyford Code refers to an encoded message contained in a children's book which holds the secret to hidden treasure (gold bullion) missing since World War II. Part of the mystery is whether this was Nazi treasure or British bullion hidden from the Germans during the war. Edith Twyford is the mysterious author of the children's book and supposedly embedded the code in the book to allow its recovery after the war. Let the mystery begin.

The children's book is left behind on a bus and is discovered by an illiterate schoolboy, Steve Smith. He brings it to class and turns it over to his teacher, Miss Iles, who grows excited and takes the whole class on a field trip where she promptly disappears. Oops, now we have another mystery! Steve grows up and falls in with unscrupulous characters. He gets involved in a bank robbery and does 20 years prison for killing a man. He had a son before going to the hoosegow but loses connection while in prison. Steve remains haunted by what happened to Miss Isles and wants to solve the Twyford Code to pass on the treasure to his son when he is released.

Oh yeah! Steve is illiterate so how does he communicate while solving the mystery of the code and the missing teacher. Well, he gets his hands on a cell phone and tells the story by recording phone calls. For most of the novel, author Hallet tells the story using audio files recorded by Steve Smith. It's a very inventive way to show how an illiterate person could author a novel. It is also somewhat irritating. :(

As the story progresses, the mysteries start piling up. It seems that the missing bullion could be from the bank robbery, not the war. Steve may be falsely convicted of the murder. Miss Iles may have disappeared on purpose. Some of the other kids on the field trip have secrets and Edith Twyford is still alive. Enough already!

Trying to unravel all these plot twists thru phone messages (spelled out phonetically) was frustrating. Judy Sutter reported that she listened to some of the book on audio tape which helped her decipher the phonetics more directly. Personally, I felt like I was solving a Rubik's cube of a novel.

Near the end of book, the author reverted to a normal dialogue among the characters which helped clarify the story to some extent. Interestingly, we reached some different conclusions about how the mysteries were resolved, but most club members reflected their frustrations in their grade. We scored **The Twyford Code** 4.44 on our 10 point scale.

The Book Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month. We hold hybrid meetings, so contact me if you would like to attend virtually. My email is <u>sikes.withers@yahoo.com</u>.

Upcoming books are as follow:

April 16	Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
May 21	Mad Honey by Jodi Pioault and Jennifer Finney Boylan

INTRODUCTION TO THE UFO PHENOMENON



About 50 residents came out to hear my presentation about UFOs. A number of folks shared their stories about sightings which were extraordinary. I thank them for adding to the night!

I covered information related to the topic that has intrigued man for many, many years, starting with remnants of ancient archaeology such as similar architectural structures on multiple continents before man had the ability to travel around the globe. This was often when human hunter gatherers 12,000 years ago had to hunt and gather to feed themselves. So why would they make the time to lug multi-ton stones

often miles across the territory to erect structures sometimes 30 to 50 feet high? Who provided the guidance and the assistance? Was it by levitation?

From there we traveled to more modern times to discuss current sightings like the Foo Fighters – metallic balls of light that followed WWII fighter jets – and the Roswell Crash in 1947 with the reported recovered spacecraft and nonhuman bodies. We also reviewed the government suppression of information due to expected post WWII public hysteria – including reported UFOs shutting down the Malstrom Air Force Base's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Silos in 1967.

This lack of governmental transparency has unfortunately continued until today. The recent advent of whistle-

blowers has helped release information long-held under wraps by nondisclosure agreements or official commands. These "leaks" have come from naval aviators, private commercial pilots, ufologists, and investigative reporters.

We also talked about what these vehicles look like – discs, tic tacs, pyramids, spheres – and how they operate with no visible extraordinary means of propulsion, no wings, no exhaust, erratic moves that defy the laws of gravity, and physics such as an 80,000 foot drop to grade level in a second, a dive into the ocean at high speed and leaving no debris. And what do these "biologics" look like – greys, reptilian, tall Nordics!

Also, are these sightings from other solar systems and how do they travel thousands of light years – possibly through worm holes or black holes bending space and time? Or are they from other dimensions? Renowned theoretical physicists tell us there are 11 dimensions!



Guest Alien: Howie Fox

I also told everyone about sources of information so they could continue their own research including through MUFON – the Mutual UFO Network – which has a branch in about every state and can be contacted here at <u>marylandmufon.org</u>. Here they have Zoom meetings every few months with informative speakers! They also have training if you want to be a sighting researcher.

My final note (which I discovered the next day): *The Unexplained*, hosted by William Shatner had a presentation on the History Channel the same night as ours called "UFOs – Special Presentation." Highly recommended!

Again, I thank the folks who attended and contributed their knowledge and experiences, the Lifestyle Committee for setting this time up, and Nick for helping us understand the broadcast equipment!

SYMPHONY VILLAGE QUILT GROUP

Maybe you learned to sew in school. Remember those home economics projects you never used/wore again? Maybe you sewed years ago for your family. Let's get those creative juices going again with the Symphony Village Quilt/Sewing Group.

We had an active quilting group, but a few members moved away or passed on. We'd like to get the group going again. We know you are out there in Symphony Village—many of

you who sew or used to sew. Let's get together and get those creative juices flowing again. If you would like to learn how to sew, we can help you, too.

Be it quilting, garment sewing, sewing for the home, join us. There may be a charity project or two for us to sew. We meet on the **first and third Wednesdays of the month** in the Craft Room from **10 a.m. to 12 noon**. See you there!

NEIGHBOR OF NOTE, ART RADEFF

Art was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He graduated from the University of Buffalo. After completing school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He attained the rank of Captain prior to retiring. His main career was in financial advising. He spent most of his career at Merrill Lynch where he served as a Senior Vice President.

Several years ago he spied his lovely wife, Trish, in a restaurant. One look and he knew he needed to pursue her. Thankfully, Art was given her friend Larry's nod of approval and it was smooth sailing. They have been married for 27 years.

Art and Trish moved to Symphony Village in 2008. Their house was built for them and they made it their own. They enjoy living in Symphony Village mostly because of their wonderful neighbors and everyone living here. They really liked the beautiful Clubhouse and in years past would practically live at the pool!

Art enjoys sailing, skiing, scuba diving, traveling, and boats in general. He was a member of the Annapolis Yacht Club and competed in many sailboat races. He is proud of the trophies he won during that time. He is a seasoned traveler and has visited much of the world. Art and Trish even scuba dived the Great Barrier Reef. Of all the places he visited, his favorite place is home.

Art and Trish live a quiet life. They enjoy dining out at all the area restaurants especially Fisherman's Inn and Mamma Mia's. They like spending time with neighbors and friends. They are very happy to have moved to Symphony Village. Art's goal for the future is to simply live!

IN REVIEW

SENOR'S CHILE

What are you looking for when you walk in to a restaurant for the first time? For me, it's the space. Is it welcoming, does it represent the type of food I'm expecting, does it feel clean, comfortable, and smell good? All kinds of thoughts are rambling through my head as I step in and scan the space; and it's rare for a small casual restaurant to make as dramatic an impact as Senor's Chile did last week.

Senor's Chile is the new Mexican restaurant in the Apple shopping center in Chester. They have done a beautiful job of decorating their small space. The light fixtures, hanging from what feels like a tree, are like bright beautiful scarves that complement the vibrant floral upholstery on the chairs and booths.

The kitchen is semi-open and you can see the busy and efficient staff as the orders are filled at lightning speed.







PAT GLAUNERT

DIANE HEFFERNAN

They have a great system when you sign in for a table. You get a text message on your phone. Click on the link and it displays where you are in line, then you can watch yourself move up. It's new and very busy, but our wait was less than estimated.

Now, on to the food. We have lived in North Carolina and Georgia for almost 30 years so we feel we know Mexican food pretty well. Senor's Chile was THE BEST. Jim had Chori Pollo Fajita and I had Joanna's Tacos. The fajita exploded with rich, deeply developed flavors and the tacos (3 kinds) had the crunchiest catfish, tender, tasty chicken and yummy shrimp. I could go on exclaiming how much we enjoyed this place...oh, yes, don't forget the salsa – YUM. The best thing you can do is to get over to Kent Island and try them out yourself. Even though they're busy, the wait is worth it.

Are there negatives? Maybe two. They're very small and arriving with a group could be disappointing. Also, it is noisy, not a great place for conversation. But the food is too good to miss.

P.S., they have a bar and Jim's mojito was excellent. As the driver, I abstained.

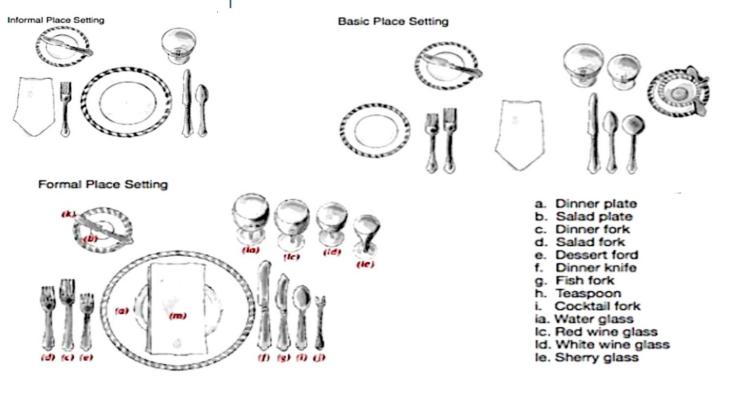
UNA MAS

The new Mexican restaurant, **Uno Mas**, in Centreville across from Mamma Mia Italian Bistro is excellent. We have eaten there twice. The chips and salsa are great—tasty but not too spicy. Our chicken quesadilla and chicken fajita were tender and perfectly seasoned.

HINTS IN THE KITCHEN

The following is information I have collected for over fifty years and that I now have in a Booklet called <u>The Smart Kitchen</u>.

The Days of formal dinner parties, actually formal anything is considered out. But there was a proper way to set a table:



ROSANNA TUCKER

ZINA LICHAA

CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

HAVEN MINISTRIES



Did you know that you can donate directly to the Haven Ministries Food Pantry from Amazon? Click on their wish list link below and have the items delivered to Haven Ministries, 206 Del Rhodes Avenue, Queenstown, MD 21658. If you have an Amazon Credit Card, you can use your points for a painless donation! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3SOMX05LSSMTC?ref =list d wl lfu nav 2 Volunteer Opportunities

and Support Haven Ministries provides food, clothing, shelter, and support to our underresourced neighbors in Queen Anne's County. Please consider volunteering an hour or two toward

helping those in need.

Food Pantries, Two locations:

 Sudlersville Food Pantry Truck Faith Bible Church 407 Dudley Corners Road, Sudlersville, MD 21668 Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Queenstown Food Pantry.
206 Del Rhodes Ave, Queenstown, MD 21658
Open daily Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 pm; Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Volunteers at both locations assist in organizing and distributing food as well as assisting clients. Food pantries are set up like a store where clients choose the food they need. The food pantry truck is a store on wheels.

Sudlersville: Kim Pulley, Manager: <u>Foodpantrytruck@haven-ministries.com</u> Queenstown: Amanda James, Manager: <u>amanda@haven-ministires.com</u>

Emergency Shelter

Kent Island United Methodist Church

Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD 21619

Shelter season: October - April

Volunteers can cook and serve dinner or assist with fellowship time (6 p.m. – midnight) a time to visit with clients, to talk, play games, and relax.

Contact: Mary Jourdak, Manager: msjourdak@haven-ministries.com

Hope Furniture Warehouse

6527 Friels Road, Queenstown, MD 21658

Store Hours: Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteers assist with receiving and arranging donations of furniture, appliances, building supplies and tools, as well as helping customers.

Sheran Fraser: Manager: hopewarehouse@haven-ministries.com

Our Daily Thread Thrift Store

1521 Postal Road, Suite 3, Cheater, MD 21619

Store Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteers help with receiving and sorting donations of household items, clothing, shoes, toys and books, as well as assisting customers.

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For more information for any volunteer opportunities with Haven Ministries Please Contact: Susie Reckord – Volunteer Coordinator volunteercoordinator@haven-ministries.com 410-493-3452

CENTREVILLE AREA HAPPENINGS PLUS

CHARLOTTE GODFREY

So much to enjoy! Scroll through the listings for more adventures!

Veterans: Combat PTSD Monthly Support Group: Fourth Tuesday of every month (April 25) at the Center for the Military & Veteran Family, 337 Pier One Rd, Suite 101, Stevensville. Registration is preferred. Executive.director@vamsa.us, 410-739-0970

PAWS for Applause: Queen Anne's County Animal Services' Annual Volunteer & Foster Appreciation Event, **Saturday, May 11 from noon – 3 p.m**. at the Conquest Preserve Pavilion, Centreville, MD 21617. RSVP by April 20, email Srondeau@qac.org

Italian Cooking Demo & Wine Pairings: Wednesday, April 17 at 6 – 9 p.m. at St. Michaels Community Center, 207 N. Talbot. Italian Eats Extravaganza cooking program and dinner. Space limited, call 410-745-6073, ext. 101 or go online with Chesapeake College at www.bit.ly/italianeatsapril17

Spring Art Walk: Downtown Chestertown, Saturday, April 20, artists selling works in galleries, storefronts, restaurants, and around town. Live music also.

Critters and Cocktails: Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center's Monthly Speaker Series, **Thursday, April 18, from 6 – 8 p.m**. 600 Discovery Lane, Grasonville.

Guided Tours of Easton: The third Saturday of each month through November 16. The tour at 11 a.m. covers the history, and the tour at noon focuses on the architectural significance of the buildings. Tours meet at 25 South Washington St. Registration required: 410-822-0773.

Kent Island Day: Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Stevensville, a parade, entertainment, arts & crafts, and vendors.

Stevensville Art & Entertainment Market: First Saturdays of the month through November at the Historic Christ Church in Stevensville from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.artmarkethsae@gmail.com

Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts: Open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.queenannescountyarts.com



Protein & Dairy Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:30pm – 2:45pm Fats & Sweets + Shopping Tuesday, June 11, 2024 1:30pm – 2:45pm

> Please send an email to cherb@umd.edu for more information or if you need a reasonable accommodation by May 1, 2024

To register: Call Bethany Bennan at 443-262-9994 YMCA Active Aging Center, 210 Vincit Street, Centreville, MD 21617

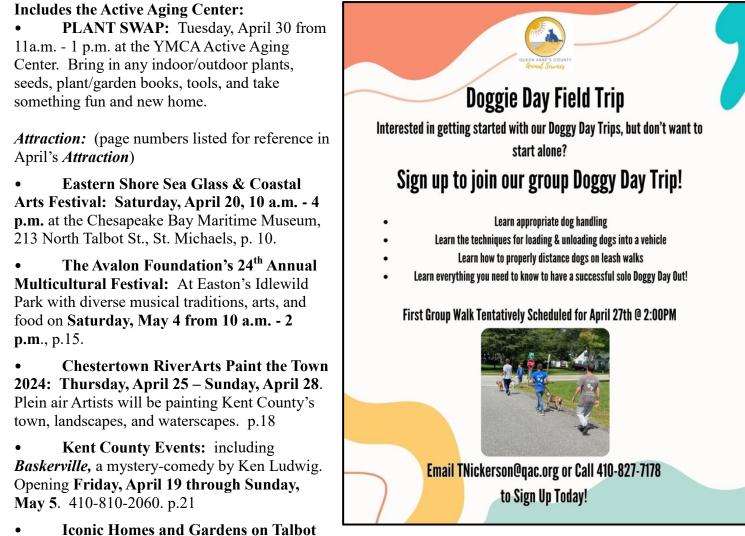
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- Herron Crane Heritage Art & Music Exhibition through Tuesday, April 30.
- Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night* Painting Class, Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

KIFA: open Thursdays through Sundays from 1 – 4 p.m., www.kifa.us, 410 643-7424

8th Annual Paint Stevensville and Kent Island Surrounds: Event from Wednesday, May 29 – Saturday, June 1, you can join or watch artists from all over the region. Accepting applications through Tuesday, May 28.

Queen Anne's County YMCA: Swimming pool, sauna, basketball, exercise equipment, all kinds of classes including Water Yoga, Chair Yoga, Zumba, etc., at 210 Vincit Street, 443- 262-9994



County Tour: Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tour includes Canterbury Manor, Ellenborough and more. Purchase tickets \$40.00: 410-703-6592. p.24

• Tred Avon Players: presents *Vanities*, a comedy drama at the Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Rd. It runs from Thursday, April 18 through Sunday, April 28. p. 35.

• State of the Rivers Series: free presentations to inform the public of our waterways. See schedule p. 41

• Queen Anne's Chorale singing *Choral Classics* and string quartet: Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m., April 20-21 at Centreville Methodist Church. p. 48

• Old Wye Mills Season Opener: Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Old Wye Mill. Will feature a colonial cooking demonstration, a bake sale, jam tasting. p.49

• April Events in Queen Anne's County: Heron Crane Heritage Art and Music Exhibition through Tuesday, April 30; Quilt Exhibit through Saturday, May 11; Peachtree Ragtime Society Orchestra Saturday, April 27, at the Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College. p. 50.

• Bus Tour (Association of UniversityWomen AAUW) to Museum of Art in Chadds Ford, PA, and Brandywine Museum near Wilmington, Delaware: Monday, April 29 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Connie Wolfe at 808-276-8078. p.56

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18: 2619 Centreville Rd., 410-758-3584

- **Legion Dinners:** Fridays from 5 7 p.m.
- **Queen of Hearts Drawing:** Sundays at 6 p.m.
- **Shuffleboard League:** Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- **Bingo:** every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m.

Queen Anne's County Library: <u>www.qaclibrary.org</u>, 410-758-0980

- **Ongoing Technology Help:** Schedule 1-on-1 help by appointment at Centreville Library. 410-758-0980
- Adult Story Time on Wheels: Themed backpack kits filled with books, activities, sensory items for adults with memory loss. www.qaclibrary.org/adult-storytime-on-wheels.
- Books by Mail: 410-643-8161 or 410-758-0980.
- The Memory Center: Transfer old home videos to disk or thumb drive. Free at Centreville branch.
- Crime & a Cuppa: Join mystery reader extraordinaire Kathleen Wilson for an hour of mystery on Saturdays, April 27 & May 25 at 10 a.m. at the Centreville Branch.
- Outdoor Yoga: Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 6:30 7:30 p.m. at the Centreville Branch.
- The Adkins Arboretum: (410-634-2847), www.adkinsarboretum.org, on-line registration required for many of these events.
- **2024 Juried Art Show:** Pastels, watercolors, oils, acrylics, sculptures, and more by artists Meheves Lelic and Irene Pantelis, on display at the Arboretum through Friday, April 26.
- Healing Walks: Join naturalist Jenny Houghton on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m.
- Book Club Meets: Third Thursday of each month at 2:45 p.m. in the Visitor's Center
- Shorebirds: Are They Really Hard to Identify?: Wednesdays, April 17 & 24 from 10 a.m. noon.
- Spring Songbird Migration Walk: Saturdays, April 20, 27, May 4, & 11, at 8 10 a.m.
- iNaturalist Walk with Experts: Sunday, April 21 from 1 3 p.m.
- Birds & Bees are Doin' It: Creatures are pitching woo in the woods and romance on the meadow Saturday, April 27 from 1 2:30 p.m.
- Mother's Day Tea & Walk: Saturday, May 4 from 2 4 p.m., registration required.
- Chanticleer & Stoneleigh: Friday, May 10. Called the most romantic, imaginative and exciting public garden in America. Bus departs from three locations. Advanced registration required.
- The Diversity Around Us: Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. Join experts to learn and observe the natural ecosystems in Maryland's Coastal Plain.
- First Saturday Walk: Join a docent and explore the Arboretum's native plant habitats, Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m.
- Nature Journaling: Create a personal interpretation of what you see on Sundays, April 21, & May 5 from 1-3 p.m.
- Watercolor II: Painting & Composition: Fridays, April 12, 19, 26, and May 10.
- Slow Birding at Adkins: Thursdays May 16, 23, 30 and June 6 at 6:30 p.m. Sit or stand in one place to observe the birds around you and those that come closer to you.
- Nature Prints on Clay: Clay artist Paul Aspell creates a ceramic piece by impressing natural material into clay surface. Thursdays April 18 & 25, and May 2.

- Markets:
- Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market: Saturdays year round, 8 a.m. noon, High St.
- Kent Island Farmer's Market: Thursdays year round, 3:30 6:30 p.m., at Cult
- Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville.
- Easton's New Dover Road and Artisans' Farmer's Market: Saturdays year round,
- 9 a.m. noon.
- St. Michael's Farmers Market: Starting Saturday, April 13, and every Saturday at 8:30 11:30 a.m. through November 23, p. 13 in April's *Attraction*.
- Learning Adventures
- Chesapeake Forum: Winter registration opened, Friday, January 12. Hybrid (in person+zoom), Zoom, Field trips, Recordings. https://chesapeakeforum.org
- Institute For Adult Learning: 45 courses, history current events, brain & body health, literature, crafts and more. \$90 fee for unlimited courses. Brochures in Club House. www.instituteforadultlearning.org

***Please send me pictures of events you attend for others to enjoy! If you know of any events you'd like to share, please email them to me at godfreycb@me.com

FROM NBC NEWS...

This spring, two different broods of cicadas—one that lives on a 13-year cycle and the other that lives in a 17-year cycle—will emerge at the same time from underground in a rare, synchronized event that last occurred in 1803.

Billions of the winged insects will make an appearance across the Midwest and the Southeast, beginning in some places in late April, for a raucous mating ritual that tends to inspire fascination and annoyance.



This year's dual emergence is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

After 2024 these broods won't sync up their emergences again for another 221 years.

Nbcnews.app.link/qz9PnHGdwGb

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