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SV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS JUNE 5 – JULY 10, 2020

The following urgent items were approved by a unanimous email vote of the SV Board of Directors. These votes will be ratified at the next regular Board Meeting.

- Motion was unanimously approved on June 17 to add additional wording to the pool and Clubhouse usage waiver to read: “This waiver applies to COVID-19 and related illnesses only.”
- Motion was unanimously approved on June 26 to finalize both the Clubhouse opening date of July 1, 2020 and the Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of the Clubhouse, Pools/Spa, and Amenities.



POOL LIGHTING PROJECT TOWN HALL MEETING VIA ZOOM

On **Wednesday, July 22**, at 6 p.m. we will conduct a Town Hall meeting to review the State of Maryland's mandated Pool Lighting Project. Since our room capacity is limited, and many residents are still leery of large gatherings even with social distancing, we will conduct the meeting via Zoom rather than hosting it in the Clubhouse. SV management will forward the meeting announcement and Zoom link in advance.

Project details will be reviewed such as:

- Why this upgrade is now required by the state;
- What lighting materials will be used and how they will operate;
- What it will look like around the outdoor pool; and
- What is the anticipated cost and construction schedule?

Questions and answers will be taken after the short presentation. The PowerPoint presentation used to review the project will be posted on our Website afterward.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

The Artisans continue to Meet & Paint through Zoom during this hot summer! We have been challenged to put our own spin on a photo of a nearby barn, paint churches, and a rowboat with reflections from YouTube. We hope you enjoy these “COVID Creations”!

Want to join us? Send me an email!



South River, Bob Nilsson



St. Andrew's Episcopal, George Drake



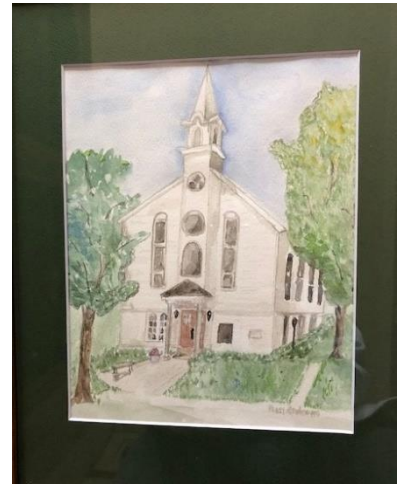
Union United Church, Sue Canfield



Village Church, Judy Brown



Path Flower, Dave Peterson



Church, Peggy Andrews



Church in the Woods, Cathy Olson



Helsinki Church of Rock, Sandee Love



Rowboat, Kathy McManus

SAVE the Date! New Art Show: Pets and Wildlife

Drop off: **Tuesday, July 21**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Ending in October, time to be announced.)


Viewing: Throughout this beautiful summer! (No Reception due to COVID—19.)

Forms are on the Website!

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LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

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Caution! Spotted Lanternfly!

Bill Wells



Recently, my wife, Debi, and her sister, Kathleen, went to Pennsylvania to help Kathleen's daughter, Lisa, with some yard work. It was going to be a fun day of productive social distancing. While there, Debi sent me a photo of a black beetle with white spots crawling on Lisa's rose bushes.

WOW! Whoa! Hold on there! Did you ever hear of the Spotted Lanternfly? Entomologists know it as SLF. This is a very nasty and destructive insect, and that's an understatement!

The SLF (*Lycorma delicatula*) is a planthopper and hop it does. It is native to China, India, and Vietnam, and has also spread to Korea. It was first detected in Pennsylvania, Bucks County, in 2014, and has since spread throughout eastern Pennsylvania, and two northern counties in Delaware, New York, Virginia and now Maryland with confirmed multiple sites in the upper northeast corner of Cecil County and along the northern border of Harford County. All the affected state counties having SLF are in quarantine, so please, before you purchase anything outside in these areas, look for the Spotted Lanternfly or its eggs and don't purchase plants. The SLF's preferred host is tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), but it is known to feed on over 70 different types of plants and crops.



So, we really need to remain vigilant about this pest to slow down its movement into the rest of Maryland.

The SLF is threatening Pennsylvania's grape (wine production) and hops (beer and other tasty brews) crops. It has cost the fruit growers millions of dollars because of the quarantines and insect destruction on apples, peaches, cherries, nectarines, and plums. The infestations in New York State, Delaware, and now Maryland are facing similar concerns. The SLF is also beginning to impact farmers growing seasonal crops. And the forests are under attack. The SLF is feeding heavily on forest trees. Trees that are particularly susceptible are maples, oaks, sycamores, willows, hickory, and pines to name a few. This is unsettling because we have many of these trees in the Village.

The SLF is about 1 inch in length (see photo). The forewings are greyish-brown with black spots, with a darker, brick-and-mortar pattern at wing tips. The back wings are red with black spots, followed by a white band and a black tip.(see picture on next page)

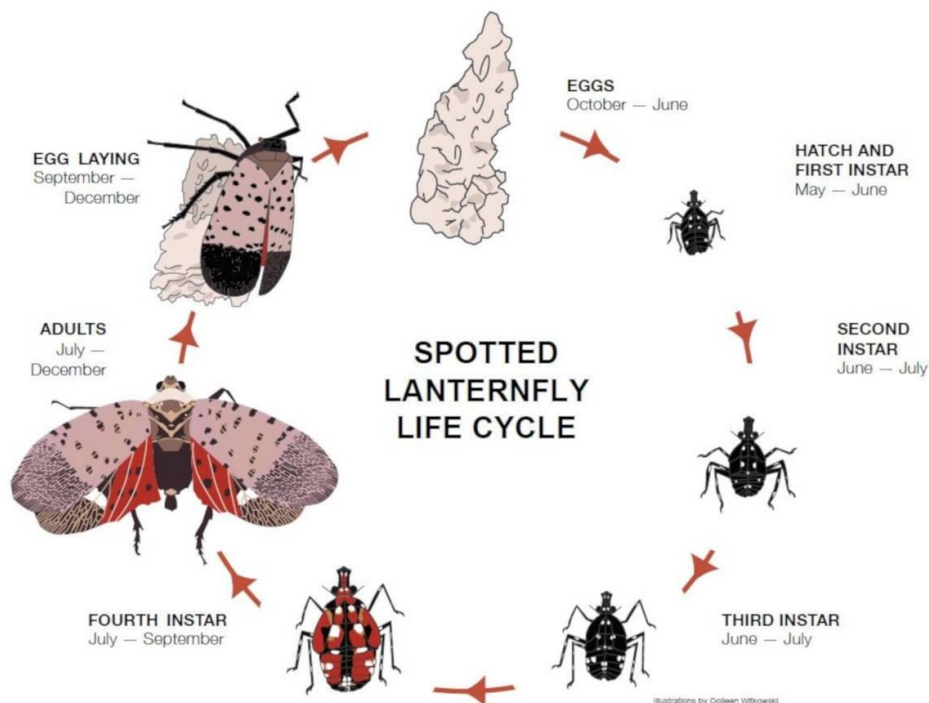
Adults can be found as early as July, and they will remain active until the onset of winter. But right now most are in the first, second, and third instars (stage of development into an adult). The nymphs are small and black, about a 1/8" long, with white spots when they first hatch through their third instar (see photo). As the nymphs mature, they grow in size and start to show red coloring, especially around their head, abdomen, and wing pads (see photo). Their life cycle is attached below to help us in recognizing them.

The adults mate in the late fall and the female begins laying eggs shortly after. Although the Spotted Lanternfly female prefers to lay her eggs on the tree-of-heaven, she has no problem laying them on any hard flat vertical surface including other trees, stones, bricks, vehicles, outdoor furniture, and many other places. The eggs are laid in groups of approximately 30-50, and are coated with a waxy gray film. When this film has dried, it looks similar to a splash of mud, making them difficult to notice. The eggs hatch in the following spring, usually in late April or early May. Many residents in the affected areas are now forced to use tree tape, herbicide, or chemical treatments because there are very few natural enemies. Most effective insecticides are contact and/or systemic soil drench. Although these have very little effect on people and mammals, they are toxic to honey bees, fish, and birds. Ugh!

So what can be done? Well, foremost, if you travel to affected areas understand this planthopper is there. They are numerous! Remember, anything you purchase that has been outside might contain their egg masses or the bug itself. Look the item over very carefully. *Do not bring any plants or garden debris back to Maryland with you.* Keep your vehicle's windows closed. The SLF adults fly everywhere and the nymphs hop everywhere. They have even been known to fly into people.

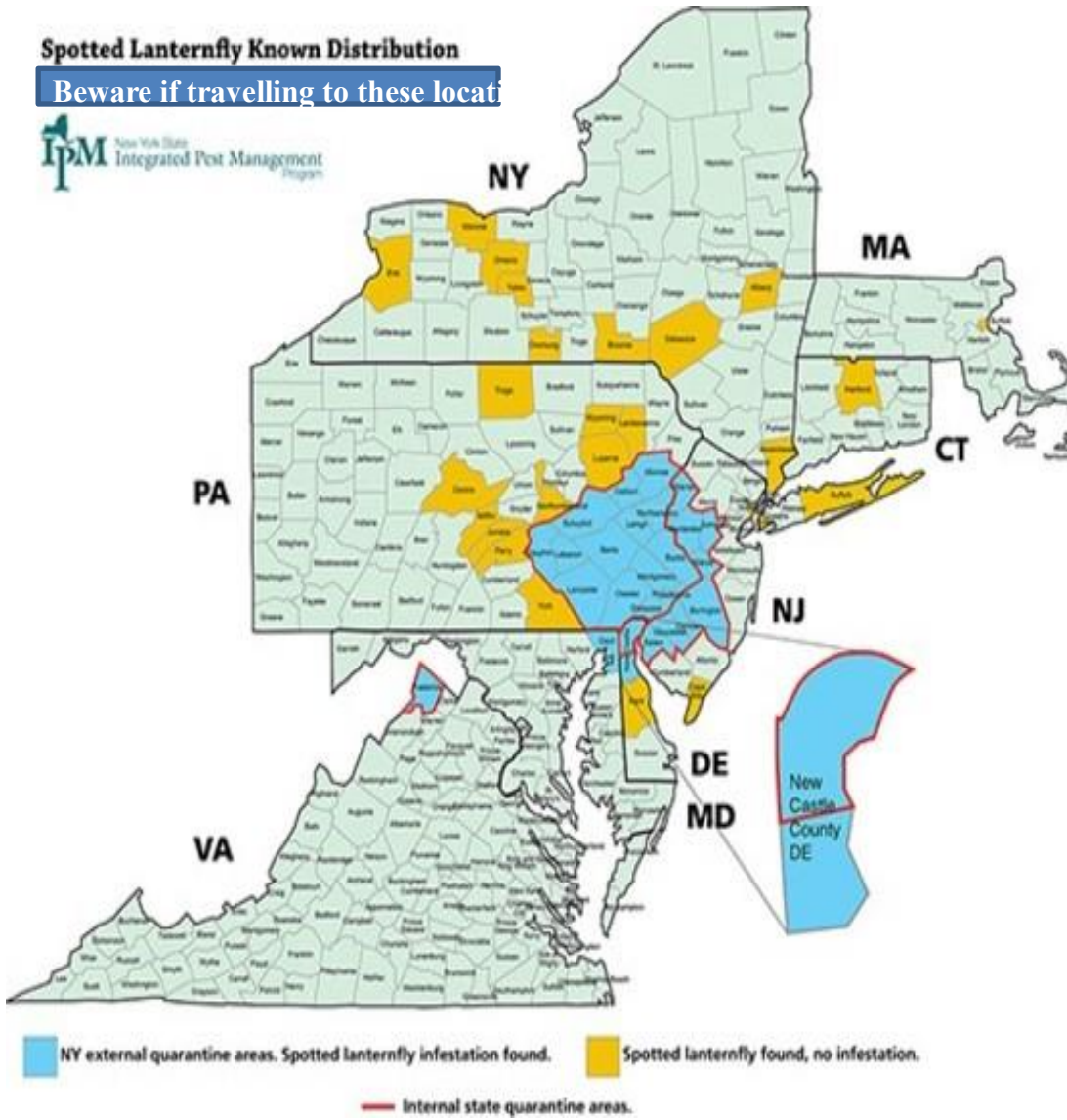


The Maryland DNR urges that we learn to help prevent the spread of SLF by knowing the insect's unique appearance. *Inspect plants in your area for adults, nymphs, or eggs.* If you find what you believe is a Spotted Lanternfly, capture it or take a picture and notify our local branch of the Maryland Extension Service (410-490-6625) as soon as possible. If you cannot reach them, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture. You can also find many articles about this insect online. And, please notify your community's Landscape & Irrigation Committee if you see any!



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LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

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Symphony Village Craft and Flea Market with Bake Sale – Linda Blume



At my request, when the Lifestyle Committee met on July 6, they entertained the idea of going ahead with a delayed SV Craft and Flea Market with Bake Sale in late July and/or August or September. The committee's decision is that based on the HOA BOD's vote that only Symphony Village residents are allowed on SV common property, including the parking lots at the Clubhouse. Therefore, the event is simply not possible at this time. They suggested planning the event(s) for next year, so we'll see what 2021 brings. Thank you to everyone who supported the idea, and maybe we can pull it off next time.

OPERATIONS

JOE SIKES, CHAIR; KAREN KRAM, VICE-CHAIR

The Operations Committee is responsible for aiding the HOA Board of Directors and the General Manager regarding management and operation of community common property. We share this responsibility with the Landscape & Irrigation Committee and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Since the COVID—19 crisis, we have started to meet virtually using Zoom technology.

We held our first virtual meeting on June 18 and had good participation from residents. Symphony Village management will send out an invitation for our next meeting on July 16. Our focus will be to develop items for inclusion in the FY 2021 budget process that begins in August.

Some ongoing discussions on our agenda include additional benches in the community for walkers, condition of the Bocce courts, and the Clubhouse parking lots. We have met with Level Green, in conjunction with Landscape & Irrigation, and are awaiting proposed solutions to rainwater runoff from the Clubhouse roof. The goal is to preclude current flooding from threatening planned new plantings.

The community belongs to us all. We have been seeking someone willing to take our minutes and assume our Secretary position. The committee has voted to triple the salary of the position and would welcome any applicants.

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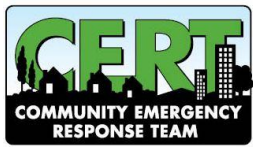
DON RIZZO



It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce that, effective immediately, Tony and Patti Cipriano will assume the responsibilities for coordinating all future bocce activities in Symphony Village. This includes the weekly Open Bocce Sessions; the Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day Tournaments; the Spring and Fall League play that has been held on Saturday mornings; and the Bocce Banter offerings. Their responsibilities will not encompass the Good Time Rollers Bocce team participating in the Chestertown Bocce League that is now, and will continue to be, under the direction of Allan Levin. Tony and Patti may be reached at 443-262-8610 or mykidstutor@aol.com.

Tony and Patti are both very pleasant, accommodating people who are super enthusiastic about the great sport of bocce and eager to encourage its growth here in Symphony Village. Both are also very skillful at the sport having won a number of past SV Picnic Bocce Tournaments and having been a part of past Spring and Fall League Championship teams. As such, they are repeat winners of the coveted McNeal Cup. Not just restricting their talents to the confines of SV, last year Tony won a gold medal in the Queen Anne's County Senior Summit competition. Patti was so proud of him she had his medal bronzed! Now that's true love!!

Tony and Patti, with the assistance of our many other bocce enthusiasts here in SV, are maintaining a close watch on the ever-changing rules and regulations so that we can once again start the Good Times Rolling. Bocce is a game where players can easily stay safe. We are practicing social distancing and wearing gloves. Stay well; take care of one another; and keep your head up. The courts are open and bocce players are actively meeting on **Wednesdays** at 6 p.m. Come join us and discover what makes ... The Good Times Roll!!



AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

JOHN OLSON – CERT COORDINATOR



Here are some tips to avoid some of the more common scams associated with the Coronavirus.

Don't respond to texts, emails, or calls about checks from the

government.

Scammers are using stimulus payments to try to rip people off. They might try to get you to pay a fee to get your stimulus payment. Or they might try to convince you to give them your Social Security Number, bank account, or government benefits debit card account number.

Only use irs.gov/coronavirus to submit information to the IRS – and never in response to a call, text, or email.

The IRS will not contact you by phone, email, text message, or social media with information about your stimulus payment, nor will they ask you for your Social Security Number, bank account, or government benefits debit card account number.

You don't have to pay to get your stimulus money.

The IRS won't tell you to deposit your stimulus check then send them money back because they paid you more than they owed you.

Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint.

Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.

An advertisement for Hague Water of Maryland. At the top left is the logo for "HAGUE Quality Water OF MARYLAND". At the top right is a circular award logo that says "BEST OF MARYLAND 2020 WINNER". Below the logos is a blue banner with the text "Water Treatment & Plumbing". The main image shows a young girl in a white shirt looking down at a glass of water being filled from a faucet. A blue speech bubble with white text says "FREE Estimates!". At the bottom of the ad, there is a blue banner with white text that reads "It's Often The Things You Don't See That Matter. Trust Hague With Your Water." and a white banner with blue text that reads "(410) 757-2992 • HagueWaterofMD.com".

Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work. Most test kits being advertised have **not** been approved by the FDA and aren't necessarily accurate.

Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers use illegal robocalls to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes. A robocall **trying to sell you something is illegal** unless a company has your **written** permission to call you that way.

Watch out for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.

Use sites like [coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) to get the latest information. And don't click on links from sources you don't know.

Do your homework when it comes to donations.

Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money. To be safer, pay by credit card or check.

PICKLEBALL – SCHEDULE AND LESSONS

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER



Greetings and welcome to Christmas in July!!!! Although the temperatures are NOT reflective of December weather, the spirit of laughter and fellowship is swinging on the pickleball courts! We are having so much fun, but would love to have more of our fellow Villagers join us. It dawned on me that some of you may not even know what pickleball is or how it came about!!! This month, I thought it might be helpful to provide some basic information and the history of pickleball.

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn. If desired and with practice, it can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

THE BASICS

- A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong
- Played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. (We have two pickleball courts in the Village.)
- Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes (similar to a Wiffle Ball)
- Played as doubles or singles (99% doubles in the Village)

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL? A GAME FOR EVERYONE!

According to [USAPA.org](https://www.usapa.org), there are over 15,000 indoor and outdoor courts in the United States; and at least one location in all 50 states. Pickleball is being introduced to students in

An advertisement for Abbey Carpet & Floor. The top part shows a living room with a beige sofa, a tufted chair, and a dark wood cabinet. Below the image, there are three promotional offers: "\$50 OFF \$500-\$999 purchase", "\$100 OFF \$1,000-\$1,999 purchase", and "\$250 OFF \$2,000 or more". A small note says "Cannot be combined with any other discount or coupon. One certificate per ho. Must be presented at time of purchase. Expires May 15, 2020". The bottom part features the Abbey Carpet & Floor logo, "Since 1969", and two locations: "KENT ISLAND / STEVENSVILLE 220 St. Claire Place • 410-643-6752" and "EASTON / ST. MICHAELS 106 Marlboro Avenue • 410-822-0090". The website "www.kentisland.abbeycarpet.com" is listed at the bottom.

physical education classes in middle and high schools. Though the sport has become more competitive through the years, many players enjoy the social aspects of the game and the ability to stay active in their own towns and communities. As more retirement locations have adopted pickleball as an integrated sports activity for their population of residents, we have seen an explosion of new court construction throughout the United States – especially in the southern states. Tennis, racquetball, and ping pong players love the competitive nature of the sport and regularly participate in local, regional, and national tournaments. There are several places in QAC to play in addition to our Village.

According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association’s (SFIA) 2016 Participant Report, there are more than 2.5 million pickleball participants in the United States. SFIA is the premier trade association for top brands, manufacturers, retailers, and marketers in the American sporting goods and fitness industry and has been in existence since 1906.

WHY CALL IT “PICKLEBALL?”

Pickleball has a very interesting name, especially since no pickles are used! Accounts of how the name originated differ.

According to Joel Pritchard’s wife (Joan), she started calling the game pickleball because “the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats.”

According to Barney McCallum, the game was officially named after the Pritchards’ dog Pickles, who would chase the ball and run off with it. According to McCallum, “The Pritchards had a dog named Pickles, and you’re having fun at a party, right? So anyway, what the hell, let’s just call it pickleball.”

Others claim both accounts may actually be true. In the early years, no official name was assigned to the game. However, a year or two after the game was invented; the Pritchards purchased a cocker spaniel and named it Pickles. As the game progressed, an official name was needed and “pickleball” was it.

SCHEDULED PLAY TIMES IN SYMPHONY VILLAGE

Every **Tuesday and Thursday** at 9 a.m.

Every **Saturday** at 9 a.m.

As always, you can gather a group of your fellow SV friends and play on the courts during unscheduled play times. Courts are only open to SV residents at this time.

Why not give it a try or just come and watch to see what it is all about? Whatever it is that you choose to do; we hope you all have a wonderful July in our beautiful Symphony Village!

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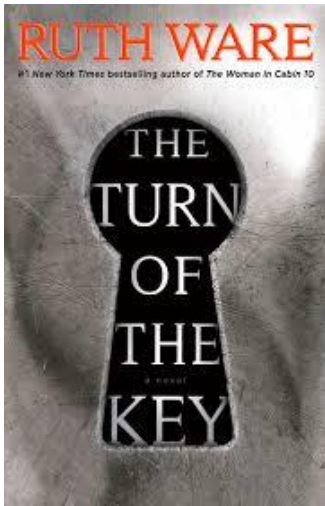
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The SV Book Club met on June 16 to discuss *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware. Intrepid travelers of the World Wide Web (Zoom) included: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Cathy Olson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, Kathleen Sullivan, Celia Love, JoAnn Walker, DeAnn Cheyne, and Patricia McManus.

Ruth Ware is described on the book jacket as the Agatha Christie of our time. In this book however, she takes her inspiration from Henry James and creates a Gothic thriller in the tradition of *The Turn of the Screw*. Rowan Caine, our protagonist, responds to an advertisement for a live-in nanny at a remote estate in the Scottish Highlands. The salary is generous, and the scenery is beautiful. It seems like a perfect job opportunity.

The previous nanny had left suddenly, and Rowan is quickly hired and left to care for two young girls while the parents are called away temporarily to take care of their architectural firm. Since the story mechanism has a future Rowan writing her solicitor from prison, it didn't take long for me to figure out that some tragedy would befall one of the children. Many characters are introduced into the story and the one constant is that no one is exactly as they seem.

The book is replete with ominous scenes of a remote estate with strange noises in the night, a scary haunted attic, a poison garden and, incongruously, modern “smart home” requiring all functions to be controlled by smart phone. Is someone trying to drive this new nanny away, or make sure she never leaves? There is a strange occurrence in almost every chapter for the reader to solve and the book produces a surprise ending which eluded almost all of the Book Club members.

Even though the author does wrap up the book’s mysteries in the end, many of the book clubbies never connected with the many mysteries rolled into the story. It was almost if the author was trying too hard to get to the reveal at the end. Henry James famously left his readers guessing and his book is a classic, debated until this day. While *The Turn of the Key* does produce an unexpected ending, its impact was undone since some readers lost their desire for “the turn of the page.”

The score awarded by the club reflects that. Our scores ranged from 7.5 to .25 (10-point scale), and the book averaged 4.9.

Upcoming books are listed below. We plan to continue meeting virtually, using Zoom technology until normalcy returns. Invitations will be sent directly to those wishing to attend, providing meeting ID and password information. If you wish to participate contact me at sikes.withers@yahoo.com.

July 21 *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard

August 18 *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett

September 15 *The Deep South* by Paul Theroux

Symphony Village Name Tag Sale...

July 15 – August 15

In anticipation of our Clubhouse opening for social events, we thought we might resurrect our SV Name Tag Sale so that we are ready. We are working with a new resource who has assured me that his tags will look like our current tags. If you are interested in ordering, please follow the instructions below. *Please note that in order to maintain the cost of \$14 per tag (not including tax), our minimum order must be for no less than ten (10) tags.* Thank you!

To order a name tag:

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July 4th Parade—Donna Donaldson



Residents were very well represented at the July 4th Parade with many bicycles, tricycles, cars, and trucks. A good time was had by all! Thanks so very much to those who marched in the parade, and I believe we had more residents waving and wishing us well than ever before!!!

There was a bad accident on Route 50 so the Sheriff's Office, the Goodwill Fire Department, and Park's Towing and Auto Repair were unable to participate. The

heating and air conditioning company had several emergency calls due to the excessive heat and wanted to



ensure that customers did not have to go without over the weekend. Tim McCluskey, one of our Centreville Town Council members, had double-booked his time for that day and was unable to appear. We have the

contact information for these possible groups for next year, as well as some others.



NEIGHBOR TO NOTE: JAN WITHERS

CAROL HODGES, PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS



I had the distinct pleasure to interview Jan Withers for Neighbor of Note. She has such an interesting life that I find it difficult to put her story into a few words.

Jan's first husband was an Air Force pilot. They did the required travels and moving required of a military family. They, along with their three children, had been in Germany for four years when he was killed in a plane crash turning her world upside down. She brought her family back to Colorado where most of her extended family lived. But it didn't seem like home. This feeling precipitated a move to Maryland where they had been

stationed for a time. Her daughter stated as they were landing at the airport, "We are home!"

Despite dealing with her grief, she managed to find a place to live in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. She was a stay-at-home Mom to her three children. To handle her sorrow she went to counseling. There she met Joe Sikes who was attending the counseling group as well to help him deal with a divorce. Joe at the time was in the Navy working at the Pentagon. They started dating and soon married.

In 1992, Jan's daughter, Alise Joy, was killed by an underage drinker who chose to drive after consuming numerous alcoholic beverages. Her grief counselor convinced her to join the Stephanie Roper Foundation (now Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc., [MCVRC](#)), which happened to have an office in Prince

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Georges County. This foundation was created by Stephanie's mother when she found there was no support for victims of violent crimes. Stephanie had been kidnapped, raped, and murdered at the age of 20. Jan moved from just being a victim of a violent crime to becoming an advocate of their many support activities.

After all of that volunteer work, she moved on to become involved with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) which has the mission to end drunk driving, to help fight drugged driving, to support victims of these violent crimes, and to prevent underage drinking. Jan advanced from the county, to the state, and then to the national level. She actively participated in campaigning to lower the illegal limit of blood alcohol content for drivers from a .10 BAC to a .08 BAC, both on the national level and in her home state of Maryland. She was privileged to be present in the Oval Office when President Clinton signed the federal bill into law in 2000.

In 2011, Jan became National President of MADD, where she spoke to lawmakers across the country about the importance of legislation requiring ignition interlocks (or "in-car breathalyzers") for all drunk driving offenders, a key part of MADD's *Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving*®. She also advocated for federal legislation that provides funding for research of technology that will turn cars into the cure for drunk driving. In addition, she continues to raise awareness for MADD's victim support services—even leading a monthly support group—while also expanding the reach of MADD's underage drinking prevention programs. She continues her support of people victimized by drunk driving. In addition, Jan trains law enforcement officers on death notification as well as new victim advocates on all aspects of victim services.

When Joe and Jan decided to retire, Jan remembered having visited friends at an active adult community and having been in awe of the fact that all houses were one level and that there were so many activities. They contacted their friends Jim and Linda Pullen to see if they could come see their community. The rest is history. They are now established active residents of our community; they are also still actively involved with MADD.

Humor in Symphony Village

Another Critter Story (reprinted from the June 2010 *Libretto*):



Last fall, Carlene and Jim Cooke had a rain garden installed. The rabbits were overjoyed! Only stubs were left in two days. Apparently, they love local plants as they ate none of the other plants. This year they revisited the rain garden buffet once again. Neighbors were asked for assistance in fighting these beasts. A SV friend said rubber snakes are the answer, but he had purchased the last one Kmart had in stock. Apparently, there's been a run on these snakes; and Kmart cannot keep up with the demand. However, Walmart came through, and two curvy, rubber snakes about two-feet long were purchased there. One looks like a garter snake, and the other looks like a snake no one has ever seen—it's yellow, orange, and red with no pattern. There was speculation that the "cute little bunnies" might have trouble seeing the garter snake, but they could not miss the multi-colored variety which was placed in the flower bed at the edge of the lawn.

Hallelujah, the rabbits have not returned!

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However, there is sadness—tragedy has struck! Jim checked these plants after a two-day absence. The plants were fine, but the multi-colored snake was gone! They are pretty sure it did not crawl away, and the neighbors claim they did not take it. That leaves three possibilities: a very large mean bunny; a hawk; or a very excited grass cutter. If you find all or part of a psychedelic rubber snake, please give Jim a call. There is NO reward offered.



Henry (reprinted from the September 2010 *Libretto*)



One recent morning just before leaving for an appointment, I ran Henry (a miniature dachshund) out the back door to the sidewalk for a brief “pit stop.” He did what he had to do, and I began gently tugging the harness to get him to come back into the house. But he planted his little legs and refused to budge. I tugged a little more—still nothing doing. He kept glancing down the sidewalk. I came out from behind the pine tree and saw a neighbor approaching. Henry had been watching her progress down the sidewalk, and he figured she’d soon be in reach. Sure enough, Henry stood his ground and was soon getting the petting and the adoration he wanted. After a generous helping of each, Henry happily headed for the door and his promised treat. (Contributed by Suzy Wishard)

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Bird Problems (reprinted from the July 2010 *Libretto*)



Many Villagers have experienced problems with “pesky” English sparrows. They built nests behind our shutters and made a big mess on our car, driveway, walk, and

windows. We tried to hose them out, block them out, and poke them out; finally, we took down the shutters and thought we had solved the problem. Then we left our car at a friend’s home in Pennsylvania while we cruised to Bermuda. On our return, we opened the hood to check the engine and found a nest with four eggs in it! I picture a puzzled mother bird saying to herself, “Now where is that nest? It was here a minute ago.” The story has one more chapter. A few days later, as Jack headed for the library, he saw lots of black smoke coming from under the hood of the car. Fearing an engine meltdown, he ran into the library, grabbed a fire extinguisher, and lifted the hood—to find the smoldering remains of yet another nest. We fear we’re losing our battle with the birds. [Joan assures us that “Nothing with feathers died. But hard-boiled eggs—maybe.”] (Contributed by Joan Hennessey)

And One More Senior Moment (reprinted from the May 2010 *Libretto*)



A resident was in her car driving to the MD Inspection Station. She heard a **beep**. She wondered where it had come from – in over 10 years, her car had never made that noise before. It happened again – **Beep!** At the Inspection Station, the car passed so the beep couldn’t be too important. As she drove home, the **beeping** continued every 5-10 minutes. The resident continued to wonder, “What on earth...?” She took the car’s Owner’s Manual inside when she got home to read it to solve the mystery of the car’s repeated **beeping**. But as she studied the Owner’s Manual, she heard the **beep** again! But the car was in the garage! The culprit was soon identified – her cell phone was **beeping** to tell her its battery was low.

Would you care to share one of your Senior Moments or a Symphony Village Humor story? Just email to one of the *Libretto* editors: Carol Hodges (speanut31@gmail.com), Marge Strano (mbestrano@gmail.com), or MaryKay Kerr (marykay.kerr@mail.com).



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Estate Treasures—Linda Blume



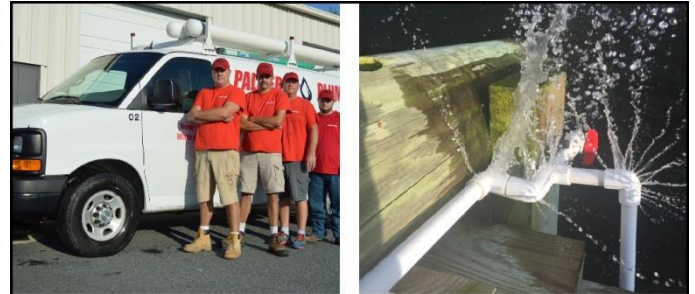
Estate Treasures is an upscale resale shop that benefits Compass Regional Hospice and that features gently worn or carefully used donated “treasures.” Proceeds from the shop are donated to Compass Regional Hospice in order to help offset unfunded hospice care and grief support. The shop reopened on June 16.

Shop: Estate Treasures is located at 17 Kent Towne Market in Chester. Temporary store hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., closed on Saturday through Monday. There are sales throughout the year, and Estate Treasures offers seniors 20% off full-priced items every Tuesday. Shopping at

Estate Treasures is tax free.

Donate Your Treasures: Estate Treasures accepts donations of clean and in-good-shape items during its regular hours. Items accepted include brand name women’s and men’s apparel; shoes, fine jewelry, fashion accessories; linens, bedspreads, comforters, towels, dishes, glasses, and other small housewares; artwork, collectibles, holiday decorations and other home furnishings; books, games, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs; and furniture. Estate Treasures does not accept electronics or exercise equipment. Small appliances and bedsheets are not accepted unless they are new and in original packaging. If in doubt about an item, call the store at 410-643-7360.

Volunteer: Estate Treasures depends on volunteers to manage shop operations, staff retail shifts, and plan fundraisers that benefit Compass Regional Hospice. Volunteers give their time and efforts Monday through Saturday, every week. A typical volunteer is scheduled to work one 4-hour shift every other week. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. If you are interested in becoming an Estate Treasures volunteer, download and fill out the [Volunteer Application](#) or contact Volunteer Manager Robyn Affron, 443 -262-4100, raffron@compassregionalhospice.org.



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CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

Centreville Farmers' Market



The Farmers' Market continues weekly with online-only ordering. Rhonda's Round Biscuits became a vendor on July 8 (offering Maryland beaten biscuits), and Rise By Brianna is expected to join the list soon (offering several kinds of homemade bread). Produce items are added and subtracted from the list of offerings as the growing season progresses. Non-produce items also change week to week, so look at the catalog often to see what is being offered.

Orders are placed online from 6 p.m. on Thursday through 8 p.m. the following Monday for curbside pickup or home delivery on Wednesday. Go to [Centreville Farmers' Market Ordering](#) to create an account or login, look at the product catalog for that week, place an order, and prepay. Once you have an account, you will receive an automatic email every week when the market opens for ordering on Thursday evenings. Local vendors appreciate your support!

Restaurant Review: 2 Fellas Restaurant—Terri O’Connell

2 Fellas opened at the end of January. We have ordered takeout from their delivery service which Jim and I greatly appreciate (and take advantage of). Their delivery people are very courteous.

I ordered their Hot Turkey dinner more than once. Jim has ordered their Cream of Crab soup (portion) and Salmon Florentine.

We shared the Bacon, Turkey, Ranch Wrap with fries. The sandwich and fries are delicious.

It is nice to support a new, local business in town:

2 Fella's Restaurant, 2640 Centreville Road, Centreville, MD 443 262-8077

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