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

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



- John and Teresa Athas – 609 Symphony Way
- Norman L. and Marie L. Bossie – 218 Harmony Way
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- Doug and Carol Peed – 211 Concerto Avenue
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- John and Sherri Turco – 122 Orchestra Place

2020 HOA BOD

SV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BOARD ACTION ITEMS—SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

- A unanimous email vote was taken to change the SV Board meeting date from Friday, September 18, 2020, to Friday, September 25, 2020, at 6 p.m. due to the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. This electronic vote will be introduced and ratified at the September 25, 2020, meeting and included in the minutes.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

There will be three (3) vacant positions for the Symphony Village HOA Board of Directors effective December 2020. The three 3-year terms for Bob Nilsson, Arlyn Marshall, and Joe Brown are expiring, and the positions will be filled by an election at the December Board Meeting.

Now is the time for you to either nominate yourself and/or other Symphony Village homeowners. There are a number of simple ways to submit your nominations. You may submit it online by clicking [here](#). Complete the form and then click *submit*, and your inputs will be electronically recorded.

If you prefer a hard copy, the form may be downloaded from the community website by clicking [here](#) or pick up the form at the sign-in table at the front entrance to the Clubhouse. The completed form can be submitted to the Management Office in person, by email to gm@symphonyvillagehoa.com, by fax to 410-758-8509, or via postal mail to 100 Symphony Way, Centreville, MD 21617.

The website links to the online form and a printable version are available under the list of the board meeting dates on the Governance page of the official Symphony Village website.

Nominations facilitated by the Nominating Committee will **close on Monday, September 28, at 4 p.m.** All nomination forms must be submitted by this time in order 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 12, for distribution to the community. The Meet the Candidates forums are tentatively scheduled to be held the week of October 26. Dates and additional information are forthcoming.

The Meet the Candidates forums provide residents with the opportunity to question those running for the board. The forums are facilitated by the Nominating Committee formally appointed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Association's Governing Documents. The new positions will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the members scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 6 p.m.; or in advance by Proxy Ballot, which you will receive in the upcoming months. The results of this election will be announced at the end of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following nominating committee members: Jane Romany, Kathy McManus, Dave Peterson or Tom Meringolo.

Thank you for your attention,



Symphony Village Nominating Committee
Symphony Village HOA Management

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD NEWS

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

The Artisans have been busy during August and September learning how to take better photos with our iPhones. The photographers and painters are learning how to get the correct angles and shadows and content for more interesting and better composed pictures.

Steven Kane, the Director of the Chestertown RiverArts Photo Club, has been our instructor. We have a Zoom meeting on Mondays and then take photos to share and critique. We have a syllabus and photos for examples. This is Steven's first Zoom teaching experience. There have been some challenges, but also many rewards.



Peggy Andrews



Sue Canfield



Peggy Decker



Bonnie Griffith



Kathy McManus



Cathy Olson



Dave Peterson

COVENANTS COMMITTEE

INFORMATION FROM 2019 ARCHITECTURAL REQUIREMENTS

The architectural design of any and all additions, alterations, and renovations to the exterior of an existing house shall generally conform to the design of the original house in style, detailing, materials, and color. Any such addition, alteration, or renovation shall be made only after application to, and written approval is received from, the Covenants Committee.

Symphony Village is a community constructed of varying models on lots intended for a specific unit. The result is a mix of houses that complement each other, the neighborhood, and the community in general. The overall effect is one of complementary uniformity, an effect that distinguishes our community, and that enhances the desirability and value of the properties.



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LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

TOM McMANUS, CHAIR

With the introduction of new Landscaping and Irrigation contractors in Symphony Village, the L&I Committee, along with Management, have made some adjustments to their routine responsibilities.

Essentially, only Management will be involved with the on-going day-to-day activities of both Level Green and Montgomery Irrigation. This keeps Management intimately involved with these vendors and enables a better awareness of exactly what is happening in SV. Residents are strongly encouraged to continue reporting their issues into the Work Order Request system, for management tracking and updating. Management continues to work on changes to this system to improve its reliability and responsiveness to resident concerns. Residents should not be contacting Board members or Committee members for any issues, problems, concerns, schedules, or planned activities with our contractors. Accurate and consistent messaging is only achieved through a single channel of communication.

The Landscape & Irrigation committee will focus on the future. The members will continuously be on the lookout for things that will make our community even better. Also using the Work Order Request system, we have begun to document what we call Pending Activities. These items represent potential improvements to the community, which we will evaluate and select each year for possible action in the near term. Once an activity is selected, this team will explore how best to achieve the objective, seek appropriate approvals, obtain vendor proposals, and initiate action. At that point, Management will take over the actual implementation, while the L&I committee moves on to other potential initiatives.

This future work may entail simple enhancements to existing landscaping, irrigation, and trees or something entirely new. The team will always be open to resident ideas and or suggestions on where improvements may be made throughout the community. We expect to enhance the Work Reporting database for resident input of their thoughts for Pending Activities. Our team will always consult with professionals, be they landscaping or irrigation experts, to insure we have the best advice as we proceed forward.

The L&I Committee is always open to new membership, especially to those who may be skilled in these areas. That type of advanced knowledge and experience can go a long way toward providing exceptional support to the residents and advice to the Board on where and how to proceed going forward.

Thank you for your continued support.




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L&I Committee Members

VOTE

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LIFESTYLES COMMITTEE

SV FLU SHOT CLINIC

The Lifestyle Committee, in conjunction with Edwards Pharmacy, is bringing flu shots to SV!

Edwards Pharmacy will have both high dose (for those over 65 years of age) and regular dose vaccines available.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

This year the clinic will be held at the Pavilion. Please use the parking lot next to the tennis courts and enter the Pavilion on that side for sign in.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse along with a copy of the necessary paperwork for Edwards Pharmacy. In order to expedite the process, please have this paperwork filled out and bring it with you when you come for your shot. Extra time will be needed this year between residents receiving shots due to COVID-19 cleaning procedures. Having the paperwork completed ahead of time will be a time-saver and enable Edwards to serve more residents. Also, remember to bring your insurance card and Medicare card if you have one. (Rain dates, if necessary, TBD)

If you have questions, please contact Janet Leister, 410-382-3885 or email zoomjan@aol.com.

MORE LIFESTYLES...

MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR

The third Food Drive sponsored by the Lifestyle Committee since the pandemic began was held on August 20 and was a tremendous success due to the generosity and kindness of Symphony Village residents. The proceeds benefited Haven Ministries and totaled over \$2,000 in cash and a generous amount of food and toiletries.

Our first Movie Night in many months was held on August 29 to the delight of 30 moviegoers! Residents voted and selected *Greyhound*, a very exciting WWII movie starring Tom Hanks. Thank you, Randy Officer, for another enjoyable evening at the movies!



Our next Movie Night will be the last Saturday in September—September 26. We will be showing *The War with Grandpa*, a comedy with Robert DeNiro.

Although the recent ice cream giveaway was not a Lifestyles-sponsored event, we would like to give a big shout out to Ed Beres, RE/MAX Executive and friend of Symphony Village, and his lovely wife, Cindy, for sponsoring the fun and yummy event. A good time was had by all who attended.

Please be on the lookout for information on upcoming events.



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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 and 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.

Operations held a virtual committee meeting on August 20, and once again had good participation from residents. Symphony Village management will send out an invitation for our next meeting on September 17.

Some current issues under consideration by the committee include reviewing proposals for Clubhouse drainage (from Level Green) and sidewalk replacement (two contractors) as well as seeking proposals to replace borders around the Bocce courts. Four new benches purchased last year have been delivered and placed in the area behind the Clubhouse. The committee voted not to pursue purchase of additional benches. We have met with Ray's Painting who will mark three additional handicap parking spaces on the expansion parking lot.

The Operations submission for the 2021 budget is complete following meeting with other SV committees and the General Manager. On the agenda for the September meeting, we plan to consider future planning for the repair/replacement of the Clubhouse parking lots, along with consideration of some requested fitness center equipment.

The community belongs to us all. We are still seeking someone willing to take our minutes and assume our Secretary position. I should have taken the advice not to hold my breath and, accordingly, have commenced breathing again. We have an awesome community, and we are committed to keeping it that way.



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Enjoy our food trucks or pre-order entrees from participating Centreville restaurants online* for pickup at the market or reserve seating in our socially distanced dining area.

*Food ordering portal goes live by 9/18/20

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For more info: mainstreet@townofcentreville or (410) 758-1180, ext. 17 | [f centrevillemarket](https://www.facebook.com/centrevillemarket)

SYMPHONY VILLAGE OUTREACH

LORETTA QUIGLEY, CHAIR

BIG CHANGE SLATED FOR 12TH ANNUAL OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

As many of you know, Outreach has collected food for a Thanksgiving Food Drive for over a decade. These gifts have been distributed through Social Services to those in need in Queen Anne's County. Each year since 2008, this drive has taken place a week or so before Thanksgiving so that your gifts can be distributed before the holiday. Because of the pandemic, we cannot operate as usual to hold wonderful events in the Clubhouse to raise funds to support our causes. The Outreach Board of Directors decided on a new approach for this year's drive to make it easier to contribute and to follow CDC guidelines.

We decided to "change up" the Food Drive to a total gift card presentation from Acme and Food Lion. **Our goal will be to present 200 (or more!) \$10 gift certificates** to be distributed to the food bank clients. We will buy the gift cards in bulk and will ask for donation checks made out to SVOPI in \$10 increments to enable the purchase. After speaking with one of the managers of our local groceries, I know that certain foods and case lots will be more difficult than usual to come by and that this change will enable folks to choose some foods of their own liking for their holiday meals.



We will collect the money from November 8 – 15 to enable the purchase and delivery of the cards before the holiday. If the Clubhouse is not fully open, there will be a collection box at the front door of 509 Symphony Way to receive your checks.

I want to thank our team of families who have generously served over the years as collection sites and hopefully we will be back to “normal” for next year’s effort! Please think about your gift and making our 12th Annual Food Drive in November a huge success! Any questions? Please email lorettaquigley@yahoo.com or phone 410-758-6775.

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR

NEW AD REPRESENTATIVE

Debi Wells has graciously volunteered to take care of the advertisements that appear in the *Libretto*. This requires her to collect and handle the monies for the ad, edit the ads, help the client with the creation of the ad if requested, send reminders to the client of the expiration and renewal of their ad, and format and send the ads to the editors of the *Libretto*. If you know of anyone who would like to advertise, have them contact Debi.

We wish to thank Bob Rose again for the excellent job of handling the ads in the *Libretto* for the last few years.

SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, CHAIR

Keep tuned to find out how Sneakers will be navigating the new way of supporting our children in the local schools. We are waiting to hear back from the schools to find out how we can help.

We do know that we will sponsor needy families with our Santa Tree. Details will follow as soon as we have them.

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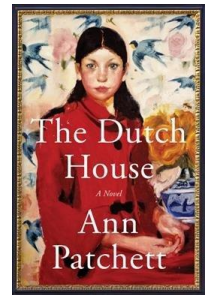
We are playing it COVID–19 safe with two-player teams, wiping bocce balls between games, and wearing masks.

Bring a partner, hand sanitizer, and cold water bottles every Wednesday—weather permitting.

READING FOR FUN – AUGUST 2020 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on August 18 to discuss *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett. Zooming together were visions of: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, Kathleen Sullivan, Celia Love, JoAnn Walker, Pat McManus, DeAnn Cheyne, Cathy Olson, Pat Fox, Peggy Decker, Bill Frazier, Diane Briggs, and Charlotte Kurst. Since use of Zoom has become widespread for SV activities, the Book Club has started to collect more detailed Zoom information for future historians. Accordingly, we recorded that 94.1% of the attendees wore pants for this meeting.



The Dutch House reminded me of a previous book club selection that we read earlier this year, *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Ann Tyler. Both stories tell a family saga that revolves around a childhood home that fulfilled the dream of a father to move his family up in society. In both cases the effect of the move on the family played out in unexpected ways and altered family dynamics differently than the father intended. Life has a way of changing plans both for us and our descendants. In any case, it was interesting to see how the two authors built the characters and stories around the houses.

The central characters of *The Dutch House* are Maeve and Danny Conroy whose mother had left them years earlier and whose father has just brought home a prospective new wife. Their living situation changes precipitously and the resulting impact on their future takes many twists and turns. As with other such novels, the circuitous route of the story cleverly ends up in a place not dissimilar to the beginning. Upside down maybe, but not dissimilar.

Long after Maeve and Danny have been turned out of the house, they often meet up by sitting in their car out in front of the house. The author was presumably making a point about lost childhood, but many of the book club members saw it as stalking. It generated an interesting interchange between our deep thinkers and our less deep thinkers. That is what makes the book club click!

Once again, the book generated a range of scores, some higher and some lower. The overall score was 7.27 out of 10, which is near the club average.

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

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| <u>September 15</u> | <i>Deep South</i> by Paul Theroux |
| <u>October 20</u> | <i>The Great Alone</i> by Kristin Hannah |
| <u>November 17</u> | <i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> by Celeste Ng |

December 15

Chesapeake Requiem, A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island
by Earl Swift

January 19, 2021

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

February 16, 2021

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

CERT – FALL PREVENTION

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR

FALL PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME

September is Falls Prevention Month. Falls among seniors are more common than you might think. According to the CDC, more than one out of every four people ages 65 and older fall each year. After the first fall, the chances of falling again doubles. Little more than half of the reported falls happen in the home.



WHAT CONDITIONS MAKE ME MORE LIKELY TO FALL?


Falls can happen for several reasons. Many times, there is more than one risk factor present that could cause someone to fall. Common warning signs include:

- Feeling pain or stiffness when you walk.
- Needing to walk slower or to hold onto things for support.
- Feeling dizzy or unsteady when you get up from your bed or chair.
- Feeling weak in your legs.
- Taking more than one medication.
- Having problems seeing.

HOW CAN I MAKE MY HOME SAFER?

Some of the easiest things you can do include:

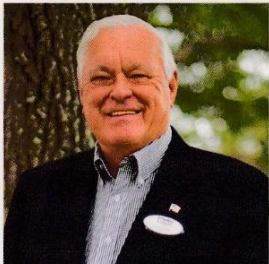
- Clearing wires, throw rugs, and clutter off the floors. The easiest method for preventing falls is to keep your home neat and tidy.
- Making sure frequently used items are easily accessible.
- Putting away pets at night.
- Installing handrails in key places around the home.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing.
- Ensure adequate lighting such as nightlights.
- Consider nonslip surfaces in bathtubs and showers as well as floors in kitchens, bathrooms, and porches.





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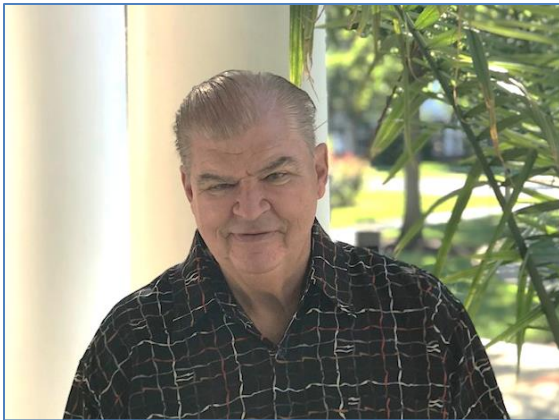
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Dale Becraft

My personal desire is to use my passion for public service, along with my wealth of experience, to serve the people of Centreville.



Over the past 45 years, I have worked tirelessly as a leader in education, athletics, and pastoral ministry. During that time, I have developed a deep need for civic involvement and service. I have served on the Personnel Review Board of the Town of Centreville for the past five years.

I am willing and able to invest the time necessary to study the issues that are

facing Centreville and to gain the knowledge necessary to make informed decisions. I plan on keeping an open mind, being proactive in anticipating issues, and thinking outside the box in bringing resolution to them. I also understand the importance of being a team player, which will be necessary to work in cohesion on the new expanded Council.

I am goal-oriented and a problem-solver. My short-term goals are to learn as much as possible through the human resources of the town to develop the new budget. There is also a need to take a hard look at **water and sewer rates**, as well as helping to expedite the **acquisition of high-quality internet services** and **facilitating the construction of the new YMCA**. Long-term goals center on developing a plan for the **continued revitalization of the downtown area**, smart, economic growth, and **attracting new businesses**.

I am a family man, married for 32 years to my wife, Lori, with 5 adult children who are all graduates of Queen Anne's County High School. I have been a resident of Centreville for the last 13 years. I believe that, "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." ***I care very deeply for Centreville and its people. I ask for your vote.***

Questions may be submitted to: dale.becraft@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NEIGHBOR TO NOTE

DEBI WELLS, P&C MEMBER

MEET PAT WAYS, OUR NEWEST BOARD DIRECTOR!

Our neighbor, Baltimore-born Pat Ways, was a baseball enthusiast as a kid. With famous baseball players, like ‘Nails’ Clint Courtney living close by, he knew first-hand the fun and excitement of base running, pitching, and playing with those legendary guys right on the street where he lived! So, you can just imagine his eagerness, during the summer of '54 when Memorial Stadium had just been completed, to attend that sports arena's first Orioles baseball game! While seeing the game was fun; more importantly, Pat realized at an early age the key to a great life: enthusiasm! That is, the level of his satisfaction on any endeavor would always be determined by his level of enthusiasm. With a passion for reading and the magic he experienced when populating spreadsheets, Pat knew he was headed for college.



John P. (Pat) Ways

Pat earned his way through Loyola College (now Loyola University Maryland) by working lots of hours at the local A&P and other jobs. Upon graduation, with his newly acquired physics degree, Pat accepted employment at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Linthicum, Maryland. That job presented an employment opportunity in Sunnyvale, California, where Pat journeyed to work on Polaris, a submarine launched ballistic missile. While most career-oriented folks during the 60s and 70s were glad to stay put in their chosen occupations for a lifetime, Pat was compelled to follow his enthusiasm. With his passion for data, reconfiguring figures via spreadsheets, and learning, he was soon employed at IBM working on computers. But, not just on any computer project: Pat worked on Project Gemini at NASA Goddard. It was through this position at IBM that Pat met American astronauts like John Glenn and he even met Walter Cronkite! (Or, maybe it was Walter Cronkite who got to meet Pat Ways.) Pat's noteworthy career path included becoming President of a Division of the Computer Science Corporation (an American multinational corporation that provided information technology to major computer users including NASA and others). During Pat's career, he spent about 20 years working on Air Traffic Control (ATC) programs; He managed his own consulting company for more than a decade, turning small \$4M businesses into \$50M businesses. (Yes, Pat's idea of small may be different than ours.)

Of all the interesting adventures Pat has had over a lifetime, his arrest by the KGB while on business in Moscow is a story you'll want to hear directly from him. Yes, it has all the elements needed for an American action and comedy spy film! Think black market, being thrown in a dark, dirty, and bleak precinct, criminals, repent, questionable Russian government interpreters, bribery, filthy unusable facilities (the worst!), and more. Having been declared completely innocent, Pat found his way to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and we're very glad.

Pat and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Symphony Village for about seven years. This was their first choice since their daughter Mary and her family live in Centreville and the other daughter, Jennifer, and her family live in West Ocean City. Pat and Barbara have been volunteers on community committees for years. With Pat's love of data and sorting, reconfiguring, and manipulation of that information on spreadsheets, being on the Budget & Finance Committee was a natural fit. Pat has been a good steward of the community's funds, inclusive of review and approval of budgets to protect our HOA's assets, for a number of years. This, along with Pat's background, temperament, and sense of humor, led the Board to recently appoint him as a Board member. This was exciting news for Pat, as he had made it known he was very interested in becoming a Board member early this past summer.

Enthusiastic in all he has endeavored, Pat is excited about his new Board membership. He wants to use his skills where needed and help to improve community communications wherever and whenever possible. Most of all, he'd like to determine ways our neighborhood can team on projects. Pat's enjoyment is his family, this community, good aerobic exercise, and lots of great reading (97 books last year and 68 books this year). Pat Ways has already been a long-time contributor to Symphony Village, and we're appreciative he's willing to be a Board member. Thank you, Pat!

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

CATHY OLSON

Look Good Feel Better is a free, public service support program that helps people with cancer deal with the appearance of side effects due to cancer treatments. I have volunteered for Look Good Feel Better for over 20 years. I am available to help Symphony Village Ladies with potential hair loss issues related to cancer, alopecia, etc.

Please contact me if you ever find yourself in a situation needing to resolve hair loss. I am more than happy to help. My service is free, confidential, and it can be done safely outdoors during these COVID-19 times. I can be reached at 443-262-8458, 105 Symphony Way.

If you would like more information on Look Good Feel Better, check out their website, <https://lookgoodfeelbetter.org/programs/resources/>.



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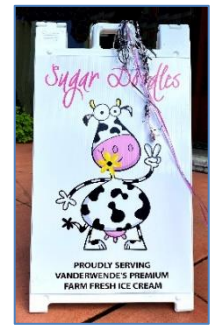
I don't know about you, but when I travel to or from the beaches via Rt. 404, I may dilly-dally a bit to ensure that I pass by the Vanderwende Farm Creamery in Bridgeville, Delaware, during open hours for their delicious ice cream! Our car has also left the Village for the trip to Bridgeville just for ice cream. And NOW?

NO more traveling out of town! Just walk, bike, trike (burn off those calories!), or drive from the Village to town to the recently opened **Sugar Doodles Sweet Shop** now serving **Vanderwende's Ice Cream!** The shop is a narrow storefront located between Colosseum Pizza and Callahan's at 114 N. Commerce St. Hours are every day from noon to 9 p.m.

Although the building is small in size, it's huge with the number of ice cream flavors offered—count 15 flavors plus seasonal flavors. From taste testing in both Bridgeville and Centreville, I can attest to the fact that all flavors are delicious—just some are more delicious than others according to our taste buds. I had lemon chiffon and cappuccino crunch while Mary had coconut with chocolate on our recent visit to Centreville.

More sweets? Add a waffle cup or cone, dipped waffle cone, or your choice of 26 or more toppings! No cone or cup for you? How about a shake, root beer float, or sundae, crepes, S'mores? Midnight Snacker? Peanut Butter Bliss? Fruit Bowl? Or other ice cream plus sweets?

Check out the complete menu, location map, and contact info at sugardoodlessweetshop.com. You can also find Sugar Doodles on Facebook and Instagram. Sugar Doodles is owned by Jennifer Brown who, with her husband, also owns O'Shuck's Irish Pub. Enjoy your ice cream treat at the tables in front of O'Shuck's or across the street on the benches under the old oak trees of the old QAC Court House.



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My name is Vinny Volpicelli. I have lived at 380 Overture Way in Symphony Village with my wife Mary Jo since May 2008. During that time, my wife and I become part of this wonderful, vibrant 55-plus active community. We have established friendships and relationships with many of this community’s neighbors. We have also become active participants in the many social functions and committees within the community.

My wife and I have always been fairly healthy, with the usual assortment of medical issues and maladies that come with getting older. We have always tried to be mindful of our health and have tried to eat and exercise properly.

Like most citizens of this country, Mary Jo and I have been aware of COVID-19 and the resulting pandemic that has ravaged this country and the world. We have both taken the necessary precautions: social distancing, masks in public, and using hand sanitizer whenever necessary.

I have always been in close contact with the five adult male clients that I worked with as a Residential Associate with Crossroads Community Incorporated. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, I was always careful to use the same precautions previously mentioned whenever I was in the Recovery House where my five adult male residents reside.

Following the previously stated protocols, my routine and schedule of working seven days on and seven days off went on without incident until the night of Friday, July 17. At approximately 9 p.m. my clients had gone to bed and I was securing my office that also doubled as my bedroom on the nights I was scheduled to work. After securing the house for the night, I attempted to settle down for the evening. Within a few minutes, I began experiencing sharp head pains, body chills, sore throat, and coughing. These symptoms persisted throughout the night, preventing me from getting any sleep that night.

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When morning came, I conducted my duties before leaving. I then texted my supervisor and informed her of my symptoms. I also mentioned to her that I would like to take a sick day and catch up on some sleep. My supervisor then decided I should stay out of work until I was checked and cleared of the COVID-19 virus.

I spent the following weekend self-quarantining and self-medicating at home. I was anxious to know if I was positive for COVID-19, but I had to wait to test until Monday, July 19. At this point we suspected that I might have something, but we were both scared and unsure. On Monday, Mary Jo and I tested for the COVID-19 virus at a drive-thru clinic sponsored by Queen Anne's County Health Department. Three days later Mary Jo's test came back negative. While I was relieved and happy for my wife, I became increasingly more worried and concerned that I might have this dreaded virus. The following Sunday, July 26, my biggest fears were confirmed when I was informed that my test came back positive.

Upon finding out I was both relieved and scared at the same time. I was now familiar with what I was dealing with. On the other hand, the very real possibility of me dying from this condition scared the hell out of me! I had never considered my own mortality, but here it was now staring me in the face!

The next day, I did a telephone interview with Queen Anne's County Health Department that lasted over two hours. I was told to continue to self-isolate and take the over the counter meds I had been taking. I began to feel a little better; however on Wednesday, July 29; I began to experience severe coughing, sneezing, and slight difficulty breathing. This added to my anxiety because at this point, I thought I was on the road to recovery, but this virus apparently had other ideas. After consulting my primary care physician, I was put on an inhaler and a cough suppressant.

On Friday, August 1, I consulted my primary care physician, who put me on a steroid to help me deal with the coughing. I was reluctant to try it, but I began using it on Monday, August 3.

Shortly afterward, I began to feel better and was eventually cleared to resume normal activities. I finally ended my self-isolation on Sunday, August 9, by returning to the outdoor pool. As expected, my presence in the populated pool was met with mixed reactions. Some of the people in the pool welcomed me with open arms while others cautiously greeted me from a distance.

I returned to work on Wednesday, August 12. I have been free of any recurrence of COVID-19 symptoms since.

In closing, I have listed the above facts regarding what Jo and I experienced during that three- to four-week period. What the reader may not be aware of is the amount of mental anguish involved in this experience as well as the newfound appreciation for life.

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ECHOES POSTS ONLY TO SYMPHONY VILLAGE RESIDENTS

CAROL HODGES

Most of the time when you post on ECHOES you only want your audience to be SV residents. To assure that it happens:

- Go to your Settings on ECHOES (click on your picture or icon in the upper right-hand corner and choose Settings).
- Click on *Nearby Neighborhoods* (at the left side of your screen).
- Choose *Personalize Your List of Nearby Neighborhoods*. Make sure the five nearby neighborhoods are marked as OFF.
- Click on NEXTDOOR, and it will take you back to the usual screen. (If you are trying to sell something, you may want to turn those areas back on before you post your item.)

On your iPhone, start from *home* (see bottom of the screen). Click on *more*. Scroll down and click on *Settings*. Follow the above directions.

INVASION OF THE 3-WHEELERS

KATHRYN MARCHI

Have you noticed there are more and more adult tricycles riding around Symphony Village? Last count was over 25 with some on the way!

You may think it is an easy ride on 3-wheels, but I am here to tell you that we riders get a full workout. Try sitting down and peddling on a not-so-aerodynamically-designed vehicle...

Some of the “Trikers” have made the following observations while riding through our fair Village:

- The streets of Symphony Village are NOT level and flat.
- There are many talented gardeners and landscapers throughout the Village.
- Folks are very friendly, and drivers are considerate of riders.
- Tuesday is garbage day.
- The roses along Harmony at Bravo and Pond 3 are very sweet smelling.
- On any given day, folks are barbequing.
- On any given day, folks are drying their clothes.
- On any given hour of the day, there are trikers on the streets of SV.
- Symphony Village is a very active place!
- Ours is a lovely, clean, and safe community; and we are extremely fortunate!

Why not join us!

PICKLEBALL

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER

Pickleball is in full swing. Please join in for some fun, laughs, exercise, and fresh air with us! Play is as follows:

- ◆ Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Saturday morning at 10 a.m.



**NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR
200-300 BLOCK STREET CAPTAINS HOLD SPIRIT CONTEST**

PATTI CIPRIANO

The 200-300 block of Orchestra Place Neighbor-to-Neighbor street captains, Patti Cipriano and Ginny McKaig, held a Labor Day Spirit Contest.

Twelve Residents showed their patriotic spirit by decorating their homes for Labor Day.

The winners of the contest, Wayne and Pat Drumheller, received a bottle of Moscato.

Barbara and Carl Heissner won honorable mention.



NEW FEATURE

As a convenience to SV residents, there is a listing of all advertisers in this issue on the last page of the *Libretto*. Print it out and post it on the refrigerator or hang in a convenient place for easy reference when you need a repair or a service call. There are additional lines to add your favorite businesses.

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MIDSHORE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF DAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection



There will be a [Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day](#) on **Saturday, September 26**, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Queen Anne’s County Public Works Facility (312 Safety Drive) in Centreville. See the website for a list of all acceptable and unacceptable items. The drop off is free to residents of Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot Counties.

QAC GOES PURPLE 2020



The Queen Anne’s County Drug Free Coalition and the Queen Anne’s County Office of the Sheriff announce [QAC Goes Purple](#) in the month of September. QAC Goes Purple is a substance abuse awareness program that engages our community and youth to stand up against substance abuse. Show your support by illuminating your home with purple lights during the month of September. Bulbs are available for \$1 each at the QAC Chamber of Commerce (in Rainbow Plaza, 1561 Postal Road, Chester), the Nielsen Center (205 North Liberty Street, Centreville), and at many local hardware stores and box stores (in the Halloween section).

QAC Goes Purple is an ambitious and important project, and your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, go to the website for information.

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