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Hilda Bishton—135 Opera Court

Diane Gergar—335 Overture Way

## BOARD REPORT

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED ACTIONS ITEMS – OCTOBER 23, 2020

PAT FOX, VICE PRESIDENT

#### Electronic Vote Ratification

**Interim Rule Update:** Approved a motion to ratify the following: A unanimous electronic motion was made and passed on October 9, 2020, to update the Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of the Clubhouse, Pools/Spa, and Amenities to open the children’s playground to non-residents/guests.

#### Regular October 23, 2020 Board Meeting Votes

**Interim Rule Update:** Approved a motion to change the Interim Rules & Regulations to open the outdoor facilities to non-residents/guests who are accompanied by a resident, however they are not allowed inside the Clubhouse.

**2019 Audit:** Approved a motion based upon the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee to approve the 2019 audit and that it be signed by either the President or Treasurer.

**2021 Draft Budget:** Approved a motion to approve the draft budget as presented by the Budget and Finance Committee and that it be sent to the owners for their review and comment. The budget will be voted on by the Board at the December 2, 2020, Annual Meeting.

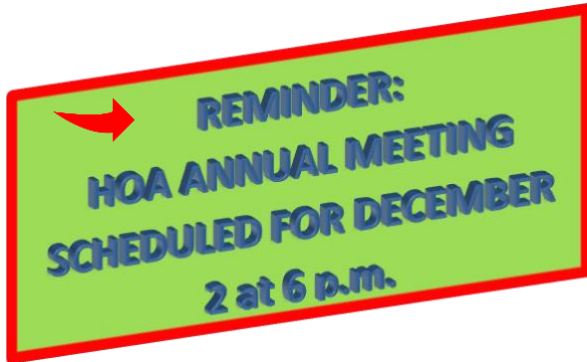
**Tree Removal:** Approved a motion based upon the recommendation of the Landscape & Irrigation Committee to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 to remove five trees.

**Tree Maintenance:** Approved a motion agreeing to the Landscape & Irrigation Committee request to get a bid from Bartlett Tree for tree maintenance work to be done in 2021.

**Well Testing:** Approved a motion to approve up to \$29,500 for testing of all five irrigation wells based upon the Landscape and Irrigation Committee recommendation. There are access issues with Well 3 that the contractor will assess while they are onsite and provide recommendations. If Well 3 is not tested, those funds will not be spent.

**Walking Path Repair:** Approved a motion to have the General Manager get proposals from asphalt contractors on cost and best way to handle invasive tree roots and have the work completed as soon as can be done depending on weather.

**Walking Path Closure:** Approved a motion to close the path until it is repaired pending confirmation that the Association has the authority to close it.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### ARTISANS GUILD

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

#### Artisans Guild Announces A New Art Show

Our New Art Show will be Artist's Choice! That means you are free to enter your favorite photos and paintings and fiber art pieces! Remember, we also have two showcases in which to display your small pieces.

Date for Drop-Off: Monday, December 28 (Please collect art from the last show at this time also.)

Opening Date for the Show: Thursday, December 31

Show Ending Date: TBD

#### Artisans Guild News

The spirit was alive and very visible in the Village in October! We appeared to have many more seasonal decorations and many magnificently painted and decorated pumpkins! The collage on the next page represents just a few of the seasonal decorations created by our SV neighbors!











MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR  
JANET LEISTER, VICE CHAIR

The Lifestyle Committee held the Annual Flu Clinic on October 13 in conjunction with Edwards Pharmacy, vaccinating over sixty Villagers. Thanks to Janet Leister for spearheading this event and to all the volunteers who participated in helping to keep our SV neighbors healthy for the upcoming flu season.

Another successful movie night was held on October 24 with the screening of the action adventure, *Mulan*, and the surprise showing of *Father of the Bride 3ish*. Thanks again to our Movie Man, Randy Officer.

We are excited to kickoff a Festive Holiday Season with the traditional *Night of Lights*. Dave Peterson and his Merry Men will once again bring sparkle to Symphony Village. Please join us on Tuesday, December 1, to light up the Community, sing some carols, and enjoy some Christmas cheer! Merrymakers will gather in front of the Clubhouse entrance. A Christmas Elf told us that a special someone from the North Pole might drop by for a visit!



Lifestyle will sponsor *A Night of Luminarias in the Village*. We will be selling luminaria kits for \$5 per kit. Each kit includes six bags and six battery operated tea lights. Each order will allow us to make a donation to Crossroads Community, a local nonprofit organization that provides behavioral health rehabilitation and case management services to residents of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Kits are to be ordered and prepaid by November 30, by check or cash to Mary Jo Volpicelli. Orders with payments should be put in a marked box on the front porch at 380 Overture. Luminaria kits can be picked up at 380 Overture on December 18 and December 21 between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. *A Night of Luminarias* will be December 24. Directions will be included in each kit.

More holiday fun coming your way from Lifestyle this December is *A Home for the Holidays House Decorating Contest*. Get out those fabulous outside lights and decorations and display them on your house and in your front yard by December 13. Judging will take place between December 14 and December 20. First, second, and third-place winners will be announced at a Community-wide Holiday Zoom Party on December 22. Prizes will be cash donations to Crossroads Community in the names of the winners. Additional information on our Holiday events will be forthcoming.

As you can see, the Lifestyle Committee has planned a busy Holiday season. We hope everyone will plan to join us for fun and good cheer.

An advertisement for Motorhead Electrical Services. The text reads: "Motorhead Electrical Services", "Handy isn't so dandy when it comes to electrical problems - Call the professional.", "410-758-3067", and "Mark Sharp - Master Electrician, Centreville, MD 2167". On the right side of the ad, there is a photograph of a hand plugging a two-prong electrical plug into a wall outlet.

An advertisement for U-Haul Centreville Self Storage. The text includes: "Anita Gruss, Manager", the U-Haul logo with "AUTHORIZED DEALER" below it, "CENTREVILLE SELF STORAGE", "443-496-5088" and "410-827-6750 Fax", "131 Carville Price Road, Centreville, MD 21617", and the website "centrevilles@atlanticbb.net".

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PAT FOX, BOARD LIAISON

### Seasonal Lighting

Seasonal lighting is permitted for illumination within a 30-day period prior to and a 12-day period after the holiday season. Seasonal lights may be installed between November 15 and January 15 but will only be illuminated as stated above. Should extreme weather conditions become a factor in removal of seasonal lighting within the designated timeframe, the Covenants Committee or HOA Management, in its sole discretion, may grant an extension of the allowable period of removal. Seasonal lighting and electrical cords shall be located so as to respect driveway snow plowing operations and sidewalk snow removal operations. Cords shall never be located over public sidewalks.





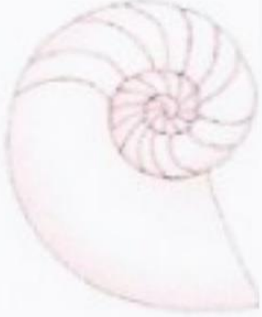
## OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, PRESIDENT

Symphony Village Outreach is having a busy month. We were fortunate enough to be able to donate \$1,000 to the Haven Ministries Shelter. This program helps many people in our Centreville Community.

This month was also our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Drive. We collected monetary donations this year in order to purchase store gift cards from Acme and Food Lion. A special *thank you* to Acme and Food Lion for their generosity when we purchased our gift certificates in bulk.

Next year will prove to be very challenging for SV Outreach due to the fact that we cannot conduct our normal fundraising events as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions. Questions about donations can be sent to [suecanfield20@gmail.com](mailto:suecanfield20@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support.



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## YOUR SV NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

MARGE STRANO

The [Neighbor-to-Neighbor](#) Program at Symphony Village is part of *Outreach*, a non-profit organization created by Symphony Village residents to provide volunteer services and financial support to charitable and civic organizations in Queen Anne's County. The Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program is designed to provide short-term assistance with meals, transportation, etc. and is exclusively for SV residents. We usually contact our neighbors by sending greeting cards, by email, or by telephone. You can access help through your assigned Street Captain. The names and telephone numbers of the Street Captains are available on the [SV Website](#). You can also make an email request for a copy of the brochure. Please email your request to Marge Strano at [mbestrano@gmail.com](mailto:mbestrano@gmail.com).

**Have a heart and join us.** We can always use additional volunteers. We usually have two street captains for each section of a street. Although we have street captains for the following blocks, we can always use additional help on the following streets:



Symphony Way  
100 Block of Harmony  
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## SNEAKERS

LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT

### Santa Tree

Sneakers is very busy with our *Santa Tree* project. With the schools in the Centreville area having a greater need than ever, we adopted two families from each of our six feeder schools for a total of over 30 children.

A big *thank you* for the early birds who took all our coat tags. Please remember to return the coats to the bar area of the Clubhouse by November 17 so that we can distribute them before Thanksgiving.

This year we are giving you the choice of contributing towards the purchase of gifts or picking a tag from the tree and following the directions on the green sheets by the tree. These gifts need to be wrapped and returned to the bar area by December 1 so that we can distribute gifts early in case the schools have to close early.

We are heartened by the donations received so far and by how SV always opens its heart to those in need.

**Thank You. Thank You. Thank You.**

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## PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CAROL HODGES, CHAIR  
LINDA BLUME, VICE-CHAIR

### New Members for 2021



P & C is recruiting new members for 2021. The Committee can use all skills, and you can carve out your niche according to your interests.

So, do you like to write? Like to perform website support? Like to interview people and write their story? Like to be creative with photos and collages? Like photography? Have ideas for the SV Website and/or for the *Libretto*? Like to eat out and write a restaurant review (only for the good ones!)? Like to edit documents for grammar, spelling, and accuracy?

If you are interested in one of the above, or something else involved in “publications” and “communications” here in SV, please let a current committee member know and/or attend our

December virtual monthly committee meeting on **Tuesday, December 2**, 3 p.m., to see what the committee is all about.

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## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

### SYMPHONY VILLAGE PICKLEBALL

ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER

Welcome to November 2020! As the trees and weather continue to change and the seasons have transitioned, we, too, will be making a change to our scheduled playtime. The days will remain the same, but the time for play will be pushed to 10 a.m. each day. So for emphasis, scheduled playtime is as follows:

**Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10 a.m.**

**NOTE: If the temperature is below 45 degrees at 10 a.m., we will not play.**

As always, you can gather a group of your fellow SV friends and play on the courts during unscheduled play times. Non-residents are now allowed to play if accompanied by an SV Resident.

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## **A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS!**

POSTED: October 8

The Military Officers Association of America ([MOAA](https://moaa.org)) recently interviewed three USA Pickleball Ambassadors who are all retired military officials. “Some military retiree enthusiasts picked up a paddle and never looked back.”

Read the full magazine feature written by Kathie Rowell, Spotighting Commander, Mark Peifer, Captain Laura Patterson, and Sergeant Diahann Viada’s passion for pickleball, found at:



<https://usapickleball.org/member-news/military-officers-america-association/>

Visit [MOAA.org](https://moaa.org) for more information about the Military Officers Association of America.

During the month of November, we take the time to count our blessings and to thank our veterans who have served or continue to serve our country. We are blessed by those who fight to keep our country free and safe from harm. So we say *thank you* to all of our veterans for all you do!

We also count our blessings on the special day of Thanksgiving. Whether you decide to spend your Thanksgiving with family, with friends, or stay at home, may you take the time to be thankful for all the blessings you have in your life.

As always, whatever it is that you choose to do, enjoy your November in our beautiful Symphony Village! Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.

### **Last Month’s Puzzle Answers!**

Lalciklebp—Answer: Pickleball  
Epddasl—Answer: Paddles  
Alb—Answer: Balls  
Riocsnng—Answer: Scoring  
Nfu—Answer: Fun  
Message: Answer: Fall Blessings

## **SYMPHONY VILLAGE QUILTING GROUP!**

**CARLENE COOKE**

The Symphony Village Quilting group met over the summer on the Clubhouse grounds, complete with masks and social distancing. It was so much fun to be able to be together and trade ideas and socialize. We have now moved inside to the Bernstein Room and meet on our regular schedule—the first and third Tuesday morning of every month at 10 a.m. while adhering to the COVID-19 protocols.

Before we had to suspend our meetings back in March, we were finishing quilts for children going into foster care. Our wonderful members completed these quilts over the summer and we delivered 16 quilts last week to Jone Taylor at Children’s Services. The photo shown at the right shows the size and pattern of the quilts.



*This photo shows the size and pattern of the quilt.*





*MaryKay Kerr, one of our quilters, gave us a demonstration on making rag quilts at our October meeting. She shared many quilting tips with us, as well as showing us how to make this particular quilt. We are so fortunate to have members with great ideas and tips to share!*

Pictured in Photo: Courtney Pilgrim, Betty Gingerich, MaryKay Kerr



*This photo shows the quilts folded.*

## MARY CIESIELSKI

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**We love pets too!**

The SV Book Club met on October 20 to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Beaming in were: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, JoAnn Walker, Peggy Decker, Celia Love, Charlotte Kurst, DeAnn Cheyne, and Mary Jo Volpicelli. Before we started, we discussed donating to the Friends of Queen Anne’s Library at the excellent suggestion of DeAnn Cheyne. If book clubs don’t support our library, who will? We collected \$190 to send to the library fund drive.

The central character of this month's book, Ernt Albright, recently returned from being held as a prisoner of war (POW) in Vietnam. He is a changed man dealing with the ravages of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). His previously idyllic life with his wife, Cora, and daughter, Leni, has turned into a struggle with Ernt being unable to hold a job and turning to alcohol to fight depression. His family loves him and forgives his bouts of anger and drunkenness. They keep moving from place to place, looking for a fresh new start.

Ernt receives a letter from Earl Harlan, father of his closest friend, Bo, who was killed in Vietnam. It seems Earl has been searching for Ernt to tell him that Bo left Ernt a cabin in Alaska in his will. The Harlan clan is eager for Ernt to bring his family north to live off the land at the end of civilization. Ernt believes this is just the new start he needs, and his excitement convinces Cora and Leni to follow him to start anew in the wild outskirts of Homer, Alaska.

The move starts well, as the challenge of learning to live off the land brings them together. Many colorful characters help the family learn how to survive in the demanding conditions of the Far North. In addition to his PTSD, Ernt has an abiding distrust of government, spurred on by his Vietnam experience. He finds old Earl Harlan to be a like-minded isolationist with a large clan living together, depending on their own wiles to survive. Together they share an unhealthy disdain for people attempting to attract tourism to the local village of Kaneq.

Tom Walker, a successful business owner, is their antithesis, seeking to improve the local economy by bringing jobs and tourists. Tom is no outsider, being a second generation Alaskan and a skilled outdoorsman. Ernt immediately becomes jealous when he finds Cora befriendng the Walker family.

Many normal plot twists occur. Leni finds a boyfriend, cars roll into snowbanks, grizzly bears are encountered in the wild, wolves kill all the livestock, and people fall into rivers and freeze. But ultimately, Cora and Leni realize that the biggest threat they face in Alaska is being confined with Ernt and his demons during the long dark northern winter. How they survive this dilemma keeps the pages turning to the end. I was thinking about being confined to our houses in March and April. But at least wolves didn't eat the Instacart person when they brought my food. And, Acme doesn't deliver to Alaska anyway!



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The Club read another Kristin Hannah book, *The Nightingale*, earlier in the year and gave it one of our highest grades. While the club generally enjoyed *The Great Alone*, some of the members (including me) didn't find the characters and storytelling as compelling as the previous book. The internal struggles of the Albright family were also pretty dark. Accordingly, the Club graded the book as 7.15 which is close to average. That included Bob's grade of pi. Bob occasionally finds the discussion of the book more enthralling than the book. We may have to find him a book whisperer.

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

November 17—*Little Fires Everywhere* 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

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## SV TOYS FOR TOTS

JUANA RIDGWAY  
ELLEN REID

The SV *Toys for Tots* drive will begin on November 17 and end on December 15. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped gift for those in need. All toys will be delivered to the American Legion in Centreville, Jeff Davis Post 18, for distribution by the program.



If you wish to contribute, there will be a *Toys for Tots* donation box in the Clubhouse near the piano as well as in front of the following houses:

221 Opera Court—Juana Ridgway, 443-262-8217  
206 Harmony Way—Ellen Reid, 443-262-8339

All donations are appreciated, but please consider donating items for older children as well—in the 12 to 16 age group. Suggestions for this age group include but are not limited to: sporting equipment, sport bags, balls, books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch and wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio controlled cars and trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards and helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers.

Every year, there is an excessive number of stuffed animals that cannot be used or stored. Please reconsider donating stuffed animals and choose some other gift.

*Toys for Tots* will not accept used items, realistic weapons, or gifts containing food.

Please contact Juana or Ellen at the above numbers if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support!

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## CLUBHOUSE LANDSCAPE FACELIFT

BETTY MCATEE

About 15 years ago, the newly constructed SV Clubhouse opened to residents with surrounding plantings installed. As with any living landscape, some plants eventually outgrew their assigned spaces, while others experienced declining health. The SV HOA Board approved a renovation plan that was compiled by coordinated efforts of the SV Landscape & Irrigation Committee and the Level Green Landscape contractor.

The overall plan is divided into six phases, with the hope that all phases will be completed by late spring, 2021.

### PHASE 1. (Completed October 2020)

The outer foundation periphery of the new expansion and billiard room now include:

- \**Dwarf oakleaf hydrangea shrubs*
- \**Inkberry shrubs*
- \**Little Bluestem grasses*
- \**Switchgrasses*
- Feather Reed grasses
- \**Pennsylvania sedges*



**PHASE 2.** (Completed October 2020)

Both wing beds on either side of the Clubhouse entrance now include:

- Miscanthus grasses
- Additional knockout roses
- \*Purple and white coneflower perennials*
- \*Black-eyed Susan perennials*
- Catmint perennials

**PHASE 3.** (Scheduled for completion in early spring 2021)

The Clubhouse front elevation will include:

- Nellie Stevens holly tree
- Deutzia shrubs
- \*Switchgrasses*
- Hosta perennials
- Astilbe perennials
- \*St John's Wort ground cover*

**PHASE 4.** (Scheduled for completion in early spring 2021)

The pavilion and bocce court areas will include:

- Spirea shrubs
- \*Dwarf oakleaf hydrangea shrubs*
- Fairy roses
- \*Amsonia perennials*

**PHASE 5.** (Scheduled for completion in early spring 2021)

The outdoor pool area will include:

- Hosta perennials

**PHASE 6.** (Scheduled for completion in late spring 2021)

The foundation of the east-facing elevation of the Clubhouse will include:

- Cherry Laurel shrubs
- \*Dwarf Winterberry shrubs*
- Russian Sage perennials
- Purple Coneflower perennials



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## QUEEN ANNE’S CHORALE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ELEANOR STRIETMAN

For many Villagers, the annual Queen Anne’s Chorale’s early December concert has marked the beginning of holiday festivities. Sadly, this year will be different. While there will be no live concert, you will be able to listen to the Chorale’s *Family Christmas* on the radio! Yes, thanks to WCEI 96.7 FM in Easton, you will be able to tune into a very special original broadcast of holiday favorites sung by the Chorale. You’ll even be invited to sing along!

Beginning in September, the members of Queen Anne’s Chorale attended sectional rehearsals on Zoom every Monday evening. After learning the music, each member individually recorded themselves singing every number and forwarded the recordings to Chorale Director Bob Huntington. Then, some very techno-savvy volunteers (including several high school students) painstakingly mixed the individual recordings to produce a single blended recording of each song. The music and an original script written by Bob are being combined to produce an old-time radio show—*Family Christmas*; just like the radio shows many of us enjoyed while growing up.

The program will air on WCEI 96.7 FM on Monday, December 14, at 7 p.m.—Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m.—Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m. WCEI 96.7 FM is also planning to broadcast *Family Christmas* on





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Needless to say, Chorale members are very excited about all of this. Yes, not being able to sing together and having to learn some new technology has been challenging for all and a tremendous amount of additional work for Bob Huntington, Julia Morris-Myers, our accompanist, and the volunteers. However, after having to cancel the Spring Concert, the prospect of not presenting a holiday program was just not an option. The income from the two annual concerts is the Chorale's major source of income. There is no concert income without the ticket sales.

For years, many Symphony Villagers have enthusiastically provided support by buying concert tickets. You won't be able to do that this year, but you can still help by making a donation to [www.qachorale.org](http://www.qachorale.org).

If you prefer, you can also mail a check to Queen Anne's Chorale; P.O. Box 118; Chester, MD 21619. The Chorale needs you! Thank you so much for your support.

Note: If you purchased a Chorale Season Pass in the Fall, 2019, hold on to it. The pass will be good for admission to the Chorale's next in-person concert tentatively scheduled for the Spring, 2021.

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY QUIZ

LINDA BLUME

### How Much Do You Know About the Wild Turkey?

1. Wild Turkeys are also known by a generic name according to sex and age. What is the sex and age bracket for a turkey known as a tom? A hen? A poult? A jake? A jenny?
2. Where does the English name "turkey" come from?
3. How fast can a Wild Turkey fly and run? Can a Wild Turkey swim?
4. How many feathers does a Wild Turkey have?
  - a. 2,500 - 3,000
  - b. 5,000 - 6,000
  - c. 7,500 - 8,000
  - d. 1,500 - 2,500
5. How do Wild Turkey droppings tell the bird's age and sex?
6. In how many of the 50 states is the Wild Turkey found today?
7. Where do Wild Turkeys nest?
8. Where do Wild Turkeys spend the night?
9. Turkeys "gobble." Do they make other sounds? Yes/No
10. What did Ben Franklin think of the Wild Turkey?
11. Which President gave the first Official Presidential Turkey Pardon?



Answers to questions on last page.

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# HOME SAFETY

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## SYMPHONY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SV CERT)

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR



Since its establishment, the Symphony Village CERT volunteers have explored ways to provide improvements and modifications to our community and homes to help ensure our safety and prevent accidents. We have collected numerous home safety articles that are available on the SV CERT website at <https://sv-info.org/cert-files/homeowners.html>. This information covers the following areas:



### Electrical

Information on shutting off electricity and what to do during power outages and electrical storms.

### Fire Extinguishers

How to use them (including a video) and how to maintain them.

### HVAC

Understanding your system, a maintenance checklist, setting the thermostat, and winterizing A/C units.

### Hot Water Heater

Shutting it off, how it works, and maintenance tips.

### House Water

Water shutoff, what to do if there is a leak, and maintenance of outside faucets.

### Outdoor Grills

Dos and don'ts on using them.

### Propane

How to safely turn it off and propane safety tips.

### Smoke Detectors

Maintenance and use including carbon monoxide detectors.

### Roofing

Roof inspection, identifying damage, indoor/outdoor inspections.

### Town Water Shutoff

Where it's located, how to shut the water off, and water meter access.

There are many additional articles on home safety and links to related information. Checkout the entire [SV CERT website](#) for more information. From the SV Dashboard, click on the CERT logo.





## SAFETY FIRST

SUSAN RAYNER

My husband was a doll building shelves all around our garage for storage of holiday decorations, keepsakes, and things that should have been trashed. That was six years ago, before his stroke, before I turned 70. Now two gentlemen on my block have fallen down the sky basement steps while bringing items down to the first floor. The handwriting was on the wall, and the floor I would fall onto, not if but when, I would fall off the ladder getting decorations down for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, and Summer. I kept my bins very light; but still, balancing with one hand on the ladder, reaching up to grab a plastic bin, dropping the bin to the ground, was pretty scary at times. For the boxes I did not want to drop, I would climb down the ladder while holding a plastic bin—Dumb and Dangerous!



Enter Aux Lift. An Aux Lift is a system of cables and a 4-foot by 8-foot rack that is attached to my garage ceiling. I can, with a press of the remote, lower and raise the lift to my advantage. It will hold up to 400 pounds or many, many plastic bins. I can walk under the rack or park a car under the rack. I can easily reach any season of decorations and save my shelves for things like back taxes (who needs them but we must keep them), settlement files (for the next owner), and as I like to say, things our children will have to go through. 😊 We love our Aux Lift and while no one planned to visit this Fall, I decorated so that we could enjoy the decorations.

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# CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

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## American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 Friday Night Dinners



The American Legion has resumed its traditional Friday Night Dinners. The public is always welcome, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m. or until sold out. Watch the marquee in front of the Post to see the menu for the following Friday. For more information, call the Post at 410-758-3584.

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## ANSWERS TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY QUIZ—HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WILD TURKEY?

1. Tom turkeys are adult and male. Hen turkeys are adult and female. A poult is a young chick. A jake is a juvenile male turkey. A jenny is a juvenile female turkey.
2. The name “turkey” is probably a holdover from early shipping routes that passed through the country of Turkey on the way to delivering the birds to the European markets.
3. A Wild Turkey can fly up to 60 MPH and can run up to 20 MPH. When forced to swim, turkeys tuck in their wings in close, spread their tails, and kick.
4. B: 5,000 – 6,000 feathers
5. Male droppings are j-shaped; female droppings are spiral shaped. The larger the diameter, the older the bird.
6. 49 states – The Wild Turkey does not exist in the wild in Alaska.
7. A hen makes a nest on the ground in a shallow depression lined sparsely with grass and leaves, usually under a shrub or in tall grass.
8. Turkeys roost in trees overnight to stay safe from predators. At sundown, they fly into the lower branches of trees and move upward from limb to limb until a high roost spot is selected.
9. Yes, they make a number of sounds including a cluck, purr, fly-down or fly-up cackle, and more. Go to [Turkey Sounds](#) to hear some of them.
10. Ben Franklin called the bird a “bird of courage” and thought it would make a better national symbol than the American Bald Eagle.
11. George H. W. Bush in 1989 issued the first official pardon, although reports credit many presidents with the tradition including Abraham Lincoln, whose son took a liking to the turkey destined for Christmas dinner, and Harry Truman, who was the first to appear in a photo op with a turkey that would later be served.

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