

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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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 NEW HOMEOWNERS!!



The following residents settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication:

Betty Herman
231 Orchestra Place

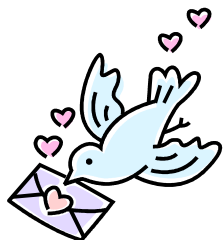
David and Pat Porter
150 Encore Court
410-758-8543

Thomas and Nadine Pfaffman
238 Orchestra Place

Welcome to each and everyone!

NB: Some of our new residents were not available to complete the application for the Directory but the information will be updated as soon as possible and will be available on the Web site.

Welcome Evening for New Residents



All new residents are invited to a "Welcome Evening" on Wednesday, September 27th at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Room. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or call Ann Walsh, 443-262-9449 so we can plan appropriately.

ITEM FROM THE SVAB

COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday Evening, October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Go to Villagehoa.org for the agenda or pick up a copy at the Clubhouse.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,



We all love the wild life present in the area. Most are beautiful to look at, and so we like to see them up as close as possible. I for one love to see the herons, geese, turkey vultures, eagles, hawks, and other birds in flight. There are two birds however; I would rather not see land. Turkey vultures are so graceful in the air but when they land they are among God's least attractive creatures. The geese though beautiful in flight, are among the messiest on land. Their favorite delicacy is corn, and their poop belongs in the cornfield. Now, I know you all have been very faithful about cleaning up after your dogs and cats. If you are willing to clean up after the geese, by all means go ahead and feed them. If, however, you are not willing to clean up after them,

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE.

Thank you for understanding on this messy matter.

Jack Dedrick
President SVAB

**From Tara Laing, Community Manager,
Legum & Norman Resorts Division**

Please let this email serve as a reminder that the Symphony Village at Centreville Homeowners Association is being managed by Tara Laing in the Legum & Norman Resorts Division in Ocean City. All calls should be directed to our toll free number 1-866-897-5577 ext 20 for Tara and ext 21 for Erica, New Community Services Assistant. The email address is tlaing@lnresorts.com and the mailing address for correspondence is 7904 Coastal Hwy Suite 2 Ocean City, MD 21842.

We have received several calls this week regarding late notices. Some homeowners received late notices that were incorrect. We sincerely apologize for this error. Most of the homeowners we spoke to questioned the return address printed on the letter, which is our corporate address in Alexandria, VA. Late letters are computer generated in our Ocean City office but have a pre-determined return address that cannot be modified. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

We have also received several questions pertaining to where the monthly HOA fee payments should be mailed. We mailed a letter to all owners in June requesting that July's payment be sent to Ocean City. This was due to the lack of coupons in July. All payments occurring in August and later months were to be sent in your usual manner. Please find below a description of payment methods and locations:

Payments made using the coupon book must be mailed to the address printed on the coupon. This location is in NC and is a lockbox processing center. They can only process payments that include a coupon.

Payments made using your personal bank's online services must be mailed to L&N's corporate address at 4401 Ford Avenue Suite 1200 Alexandria, VA 22302. Please be sure to instruct your bank to include your account number on your check. Payments made via online banking that do not include the account number cannot be processed.

Direct debit payments are processed as usual. If you have direct debit set up with L&N, please be assured that there has been no interruption in service. If you wish to enroll in the direct debit program, please contact us toll free at 1-866-897-5577 and we will be happy to mail a form to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us at any time. We hope that this information has been useful to you. Thank you.

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FROM JAN'S DESK



Wellness Fair – Sept. 16, 2006, Noon to 3 pm. There is no fee for this event and there will be door prizes. There are around 20 participants in this year's fair. Some are returning from last year as well as new guests. Some of the returning participants include: Tidewater Physical Therapy, Curves, Hospice, Optical Galleria. New this year: Rubinfeld Synergy Method, Yoga, T'ai Chi, Fitness with Mary, Arbonne (Pure Swiss Skin Care), Dr. Myron Szczukowski -The Orthopedic Center and our own Valerie Siegel, Esq. – Elder Law and representatives from Shore Health Systems.

Special Notice: Since the Activities Book has not returned you will need to re-sign for the events you wish to attend.

Reminder: Deadline for the Pig Roast is Sept. 20th (this includes paying in advance). See Jan for tickets.

Please note that T'ai Chi has moved to a new time, Tues. at 9 a.m. There will be an Open House on Oct. 3rd at 9 a.m. in the Fitness Center.

Work out to Tapes returns, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 10 a.m. It will be Tues & Thurs. at 10:00 a.m. and on Wed. evenings at 7 p.m.

There will be an Open House on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm. for Ballroom and Latin Dance. Please sign up in the Activities Book. The cost is \$40.00 per person for four (4) weeks.

Would you like to learn MakJongg? It is a card game. If interested, please contact Jan. There will be no charge for the course.

Although decorations are nice, homeowners are not allowed to put any type of decoration or objects in the commons areas. There was cut out sculpture around pond one that has been removed. If you wish to have it back, please contact Jan.

See you around the Clubhouse!

PAST EVENTS

Symphony Village Singles group took a trip to St. Michaels on Thursday, August 15th. We enjoyed lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant and then shopped at all the little stores on the main street. On Tuesday, September 19th we plan to travel to Rock Hall and have lunch at Waterman's Crab House and explore that small town. All singles are welcome to join us. We plan to carpool. Meet us at the Clubhouse at noon. For additional information, call Peggy Brown at 410-758-4940.

Choptank River Cruise

On August 17th, 60 or more Villagers went by car and bus to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant to take the Choptank River Cruise. On the cruise we were treated to a wonderful lunch, family style, which included crab soup, fried chicken, fried clams, coleslaw, corn, all the crabs you could eat, cheesecake for dessert, and all the beer, soda, and iced tea you could drink. Everyone enjoyed this meal. After the meal we had wonderful views of the riverbanks from the top deck of the boat. The weather was wonderful, and the wind and sun on the river made for a great day. We arrived at the dock commenting on the trip and wanting to do it again next year.

Trip to Oriole Park 8/26/06

Four of us from Symphony Village joined a group from Chesapeake East (Easton) on a bus trip to the Oriole vs. Tampa Bay baseball game at Oriole Park, Camden Yards.

The bus was convenient, the ballpark seating good, and the hot dogs, "Boog's Barbecue," peanuts, etc. hit the spot. The home team won but held us in suspense until the game's end, scoring with two outs, and a 3 & 2 pitch count in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Marvelous Mama Mia!

Approximately fifty Villagers trekked to the Hippodrome in Baltimore to see Mama Mia on Tuesday, August 29. Most of the group went on the bus: how great to be dropped off and picked up at the door of the theater! The show was fast-paced, vibrant, and thoroughly enjoyable. Many thanks, Pat Verna, for your significant efforts that resulted in such a pleasant evening.

Game Night

On August 25th, ten people gathered for Game Night. One group played Sequence and the other Canasta. Everyone is invited for Game Night on Friday Sept. 15th. Bring a game to play and a snack to share. We hope to see you there. This is an enjoyable evening and we want to see more of our neighbors joining in "Game Night."

Astronomical Pool Party

On Sunday August 27th, a party was held outdoors at the pool to see Mars next to the moon. Many villagers gathered and partied around the pool. The problems were it was cloudy so neither Mars nor the moon could be seen and it was a little too cold so no one swam. But everyone enjoyed the night air and conversation. We all thought it was fun, but we wished we could have seen Mars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
LIFE STYLES COMMITTEE: by Linda Farrar

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR ALL EVENTS IN THE ACTIVITIES BOOK
BY THE ASSIGNED DEADLINE**

Symphony Village Pig Roast



Symphony Village is holding an old fashioned Pig Roast on October 7th. The pig will arrive early in the morning and will be ready at approximately 4:00 p.m. There will be a charge for this event of \$17.00 per person. This fee will include pulled pork, ribs, fried chicken, sides, dessert, and soft drinks. Bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Please sign up at the clubhouse and pay Jan with either cash or a check made payable to Symphony Village at Centreville HOA. The deadline for sign-up and paying is September 20th, as this is when the “pig man” finalizes his order. Looking forward to a great afternoon.

Harmony On The High C’s – October 14th



Join your neighbors for a concert of Barbershop choruses and quartets at Chesapeake College on Saturday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. Some of us attended the concert last year and thoroughly enjoyed the singers. Our own Jack Walsh will be performing!! The cost is \$15.00 per person. A few tickets are still available at the Clubhouse but will also be available at the door. Make checks out to: QAC/BHS (Queen Anne’s Chapter/Barbershop Harmony Society). Sign up in the Activities Book and pay Jan. Call Jack Walsh for more information: 443-262-9449

Lunch Bunch Tea At Reynolds Tavern

On Thursday, October 19th Symphony Village Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Annapolis to partake of a Colonial High Tea at the historic Reynolds Tavern. The price per person of \$20.00 includes teas, sandwiches, scones, and dessert. We will car pool to Annapolis. Please sign up at the clubhouse and give your money to Jan by October 5th. This should be an enjoyable trip.

Halloween and Fall Festival



This year, on Saturday, October 28th, we are going to celebrate day and night events. The afternoon will be a Halloween and Fall Festival for grandchildren from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It will include a Moon Bounce, ‘Glitzy the Clown’, crafts, a costume parade for those who choose to come in costume, snacks, and trick or treating in the clubhouse. In the evening we will have an extended Halloween Happy Hour from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Feel free to come in costume. We will break out the new dance floor (courtesy of Caruso) and other surprises are planned.

We need many volunteers to help with both of these events. Please call Linda Farrar to help with the children’s party (410-758-8744) and Rich Ryan for the Happy Hour Party (410-758-2136). These events will be sponsored by Caruso so there will no charge for either function. Please sign up in the Activity Book for both events by October 20th. Don’t forget we need to know the ages of the children.

Movie Night

The Next Movie night is Friday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss the feature: *The Fastest Indian Alive* starring Anthony Hopkins. This feature is based on a true story, about motorcycling.

Book Club

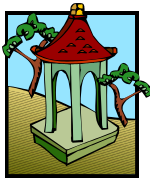


Our monthly Book Club discussion is returning! Our book for this month is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtney. Come join us on the third Thursday of the month, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Come even though you didn't get a chance to read the book.

Garage Sale

A community garage sale will be held on Oct 14th. Cost is \$3.00 per house to cover advertising. Please give your money to Jan by Oct 6th.

GAZEBO GARDEN GANG



All residents are invited to help plan the gardens around the gazebo. No green thumb or expertise is required; only an interest in flowers. We plan to start with the eight beds around the gazebo and expand to the full garden in the spring. There are more than 2000 square feet of garden to plant. Come and share your ideas so your favorite flowers can be incorporated into the plans. We hope to have some anchor plants in place in September to start planting bulbs for spring.

Several chrysanthemums have been planted, and some plants have been donated. If you have any bulbs or flowers that you would like to contribute, Contact Jack Hennessey at 410-758-4872 or e-mail jhennessey@atlanticbb.net. Watch the SV Weekly Calendar for the next meeting of the Gazebo Garden Gang and come join us!

“DINING IN AT SYMPHONY”

Submitted by Beth Dewhirst

Reminder

This is a reminder concerning the new dinner group forming called “Dining In At Symphony”. As you read in the last Libretto, this is a group of 8-9 people who gather in a host's home for dinner. The host provides the main course and the guests will bring the side dishes. The hosts and guests will change every month. The first dinner is Saturday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at the clubhouse by September 15th. We hope this dinner group will appeal to a lot of residents. It is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors in a more intimate setting. See YOU September 30th for dinner!

Sneakers Update

**SAVE THE DATE – SNEAKERS AUCTION AND WINE AND CHEESE
NOVEMBER 11, 2006 5- 8 PM**



Please save Saturday November 11th from 5-8 p.m. to attend the 2nd Annual Sneakers Auction and Wine and Cheese Party. We will be having a silent auction and raffle for the benefit of our nonprofit charity, Symphony Sneakers. The profits will go to

support those in need in Centreville schools and other programs in the public schools, such as our book program.

Volunteers are needed to help with the auction. Donations of gift certificates for goods and/or services, tickets to special events, theme baskets, or one of a kind specialty items are also needed. Be creative!!

Contact Helena Joy at 410 758-6532 with your ideas and suggestions.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 12th at 7pm in the clubhouse. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. We need all the help we can get. This is a community wide event

Look for more details in the October Libretto or call Linda Farrar 410 758-8744.

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE: by Dorothy Hamm

Make a Difference Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Saturday of October. The brainchild of USA WEEKEND Magazine, it has become the nation's largest day of volunteering through the passion of millions of readers, partnership with the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network. Carolyn Caldwell, who initiated participating in this Day for the Centreville area, is organizing a Centreville event on Saturday, October 28th at the American Legion Jeff Davis Post. The Post is donating chicken dinners. All the proceeds from the sale of the \$8 tickets will be given to Caring and Sharing Fund of Queen Anne's County. This fund was established by the local Community Service Board to assist those in need within the county with rent, fuel, and prescriptions. We have been asked to participate by providing cakes and pies for 200, four volunteers to help serve, and a donation for dinner tickets for disadvantaged seniors. The Outreach Committee voted to donate \$80 for tickets and we are asking for donations of cakes and pies (Mrs. Smith's are great) and help with serving. The dinner is held from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. and all are invited. Dinners for ages 6 to 12 are \$4.00 and children under 6 are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance by October 8th with checks payable to the American Legion, Jeff Davis Post 18. Please call or email Dorothy Hamm (410-758-3803) for information, donations, or tickets.



The Santa Claus Parade is a big event in Centreville, and we have been invited to join in the merriment. It will be held on December 1st. Doris Pullman (410-758-1578) and Suzy Wishard (410-758-1092) are co-chairs for this terrific event. Please call them if you have an extra pair of elf shoes, hats, or just want to have fun planning it.

The Community Garage Sale will be held October 14th. Outreach will have a table to raise funds for our projects. Please consider donating items to the Outreach Program for the sale. A tax deduction receipt can be provided. Any items that are not sold will be donated to the Hospice Estate Treasures or St. Martin's Ministries. Also, teacups and saucers are needed for *An Afternoon Tea* that Outreach is planning. Please call or email Dorothy (410-758-3803) or Joyce Edmonston (410-758-4908) for information.

Food Link of the Eastern Shore's purpose is to rescue surplus food that is edible but outdated and transport that food to people in need. Food Link's recipient agencies are non-profit soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, social service agencies, churches, public housing sites, senior citizen facilities, foster care group homes and treatment and rehabilitation centers. We have been asked to join this group and provide volunteers for the Monday route. This requires picking up food from Acme and Food Lion in Kent Island and delivering the items to Church Hill. We will start on September 11th. If you can help with this worthy cause on any or all Mondays, please give Dorothy Hamm a call at (410-758-3803).

Volunteers in Action submitted by Gil Hoffman

The dictionary defines a volunteer as “a person who offers himself for a service without obligation to do so or a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.” I would like to tell you of my experience as a volunteer since moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

I was asked by Dusty Rhodes, a friend in the community to work at the middle school in Stevensville in 1990. I had retired from General Electric the previous year, and built a house on Kent Island, so I agreed to try out something that I had never done before. There were four or five men that would come to the school on Fridays and work on tasks through the coordination of Sally Cuttler, the Media Center Specialist. The group had various skills, the tasks were various, and the experience was positive.

I continued to do this work at the school for the next 6 or 8 years. Sometimes I was asked to work with individual students, other times with individual teachers, and I settled into doing some of the things that I could do, enjoyed, and were needed. The reward was that my community was expanded, I was recognized, and most importantly, relationships were built. During this time one of the things that I discovered was that I was getting enjoyment from working without pay.

In 1997 I was challenged to go on a Volunteer in Mission trip to Costa Rica. The missionary came to our church and gave a talk; one of my friends had been the previous year and thought that I should go. I was not convinced by his enthusiasm. However, when the missionary, Marion, talked to me, each reply of mine to his questions about my skills was, “This is just what we could use in Costa Rica.” I agreed to go on a two week, one time trip. After the experience, I decided I needed to return. I couldn’t imagine not seeing some of the people I had met during the initial two week visit. What had happened was that relationships had been formed.

As I write this, I am sitting in a retreat center office in Costa Rica, volunteering to attend to the office management while the missionaries are in the United States. Marion, the missionary who invited me to come down for the initial visit is 87 and just had cataracts removed from both eyes in Dublin, Georgia. He and his wife will return the end of September and then I will return to Symphony Village.

My life has been changed since that first two-week visit. I have spent over 90 weeks here since that initial visit and I have a few reflections on what I have learned:

- The important thing about volunteering is everybody brings something to the table, and what they bring matters and is needed.
- The fruit of each person’s gifts is what makes relationships grow.
- Supporting needs financially is good; serving to support them is better because it lasts longer.
- Children need opportunities to see and learn from adults within the community; our community can extend throughout the world.
- We often underestimate the contribution and value of the younger segment of the community. Often they are held back only by lack of opportunity.
- It is ok for people to be different than me and speak a language that I don’t understand. I can still learn from them.
- You get more than you give.

You get more than you give is probably the most universal comment that I have heard from people who volunteer.

One final thing: often when people are living in poverty, struggling for survival, without education and without work, their skills and abilities are discounted. What has amazed me is how often the impoverished have extreme potential, just no opportunity. During 7 months this year, in Los Chiles, Costa Rica, a woman, Dona Annalivi, conducted a sewing class for 25 women in the community. Many of the women couldn't read nor write and several were young mothers. The focus of the class was to make under-garments for the family and children's clothing. The instructor had never taught a class prior to this one where all the students completed the course. She was also amazed that even though many were illiterate, they learned the skills that were required to meet their goal immediately. Dona Annalivi has been a volunteer sewing instructor in Costa Rica for the past 20 years.

Try volunteering; you can help someone and you will get more than you give.

VOLUNTEER QUESTIONNAIRE

In a few days each resident will be receiving a volunteer questionnaire that the Outreach Committee is asking you to fill out and return. The purpose of the questionnaire is to match experience, talents, and interests to needs and opportunities within Symphony Village and the outside community. We are always looking for ways to serve our immediate neighbors and Centreville and the greater Queen Anne's County area as well. Please leave the completed questionnaire at the Clubhouse in the provided basket. If this is not possible, call Joyce Edmonston or Beth Dewhirst.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR UPDATE

The next meeting for Neighbor to Neighbor will be Wednesday, September 20th at 7 p.m. in the Grand Concert Room of the Clubhouse. All are invited to attend.

We are in need of a Secretary to take the minutes of our meetings. If you are interested, please call Pat Loiacono at 410-758-8170. Our meetings are held every other month.

If you are a new resident and would like to sign up to cook a meal for a neighbor in need, please call the following numbers: for residents on Harmony, Concerto, Opera or Orchestra, please call Helena Joy at 410-758-6532; for residents on Sonata, Symphony and Encore, please call Karen King at 443-262-9450; and for residents on Overture, please call Doris Eck at 410-758-0332. If everyone signs up for one meal we can provide this community with a high level of loving care.

Residents will to drive a fellow resident to a medical appointment or for treatment should contact Marlene Tennier at 410-758-4743.

Please remember that if you have medical equipment that you are willing to share, please register the equipment with Betty Moulis at 410-758-4902.

The goal of Neighbor to Neighbor is to assist one another in times of surgery, hospitalization, treatment, or bereavement. Please join with us and share your ideas and talents at the next meeting on Sept. 20th.

OF "LOCAL" INTEREST

Fancy Meeting You in Vancouver!



Two couples from Symphony Village went on vacations; Paul and Kay Blair (133 Encore) went to Alaska for a land tour and cruise and then on to Vancouver for three days from August 20th to September 5th. Their backdoor neighbors, John and Kathryn Marchi (376 Overture Way) took a six week trip in their mobile home to the Northwest leaving a few days before and returning later this month.

Would you believe on September 2nd both couples met in Vancouver, Canada – of all places ! They had lunch and took a tour of the city. They had a great day together. Traveling 4000 miles to have lunch together- a coincidence or was it planned?

What to do with an old Flag?

Keith Tennier, member of the Jeff Davis Post 18 American Legion will be happy to receive American flags that are no longer usable. The American Legion respectfully destroys these flags each year on Flag Day.

Also:

Weekly Friday night dinners at the legion will begin on Friday, September 22. Please check the sign board for meal selection and cost. Breakfast is served at the American Legion every second Sunday of the month from 8 to 11 A.M.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF....Jan DiCarlantonio *Bacon Wrapped Olives*

Preheat oven to 450 to 500 Degrees.

1 pound package of bacon, sliced into thirds
(I prefer Smithfield or Hormel because they hold together better)
Stuffed olives (I use anchovies, jalapeno, pimiento, garlic-stuffed and large pitted black olives)
Tooth picks

Wrap olive with bacon and secure with toothpick
Place on foil-lined grill pan (poke holes in foil to let fat drain off)
Bake in hot oven for around 10 minutes until the bacon is crispy and turn over to crisp the other side for another 10 minutes.

You can usually get around 45 wrapped olives with a pound of bacon.

ENJOY!

