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# 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:

George and Madeline Manning 219 Orchestra Place 410-758-0555

Cyndy Bourke, Judy Hamm, Kelly Sharpe 343 Overture Way 410-758-6599 cyndybl@aol.com

Frank and Marilyn Beachley 242 Opera Ct 410-758-5468 beach@nmu.com Bob and Niki Offerman, Martha Offerman 205 Orchestra Place 410-758-2841

Joan Rafter 227 Orchestra Place 410-758-1895 randjrafter@atlanticbb.net

Ellen Norman 210 Orchestra Place

David and Sharon Christenson 367 Overture Way

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.

New Residents, mark your calendar for January 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 for a get-to-gether to meet other new neighbors and for information sharing.

# FROM TARA LAING, COMMUNITY MANAGER

The annual meeting with Legum and Norman will be held on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Hunter's Oak. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Coffee, tea and assorted desserts will be served. An official notice will be mailed to each homeowner within the next week.

#### FROM THE SVAB

#### **SVAB Election News and Candidates**

Ballots for the SVAB election will be mailed to all homeowners the week after Thanksgiving. Each residence will receive one ballot. There is a one week voting period and all completed ballots must be placed in the white ballot box at the clubhouse no later than December 5, 2006. The nominating committee will count the ballots and the results will be posted at the clubhouse.

Meet the Candidates;

Mike King 114 Sonata Way



Mike is no stranger to the SVAB. He is a candidate for a second year to bring the fears and wants of the community to the attention of the Board. His many years of working in sales prompts him to address issues for discussion and to promote decision-making. Mike would like to see improved time management of board and community meetings in order to get things done. He speaks of himself as a "people-person" and someone who empathizes with the concerns of the homeowners. When asked about his style of leadership, Mike claims to be a "middle of the road" man who wants his say and doesn't hesitate to express his opinions. When all is said and done, he willingly accepts the majority vote.

#### **Arlyn Marshall**

234 Concerto Avenue

Arlyn has served in many leadership, management, and supervisory positions. He was Deputy Director of the Army National Guard Aviation Program. Arlyn served as President of the Board of Directors at the Queen's Landing community on Kent Island and Vice President of the Board of Directors at The Parke, an active adult community, in Ocean City, Maryland. He is the current Vice President of a 30 unit condo association in Ocean City, Maryland and the chairperson of the SV Finance Committee. The 11 years of service to these communities have provided him with a vast amount of knowledge and experience in the management and operations of community association requirements.

#### Valerie Siegel

170 Symphony Way

Valerie claims that the most important aspect of community is the unity contained in the word. Acceptance, inclusiveness, involvement, and assimilation of the many and diverse talents and backgrounds of residents is important to her. Valerie wants to be part of setting the "tone", of our quality of life here at Symphony Village. The community is well aware of Valerie's professional expertise supported by her many leadership positions with legal organizations and universities. Valerie is all about empowering people in areas in which they show strengths or interests.

#### Jim Smith

134 Harmony Way

Jim Smith is a full time government worker with Homeland Security. He wants to assist the growth of Symphony Village. He believes that this growth will need the right people on the board and supporting committees. He endorses communication at its best and the opportunity to allow people to "use their own heads" in place of micro-management. Jim and his wife, Barbara, served as members of the Homeowners' Association Board at their town house community in Springfield, Virginia. Among the many wonderful features at Symphony Village, he is most impressed with the people's friendliness and helpfulness.

#### FROM JAN'S DESK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 6th at 5:00 p.m. Annual HOA meeting at Hunter's Oak. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**<u>Reminder</u>**: Winter weather is approaching---remember to turn off your outside faucets and drain your water hoses.

Golf Clinic held on Thursday, October 26th was a great success.

Thanks to Bob Moore, a group of golfers from Symphony Village enjoyed an outing at Queenstown Harbor. After being served refreshments, the group met at the driving range for golf instruction given by Gavin Myles. The golfers then played 9 holes on the Lake Course. We hope other Symphony golfers will join us next time.

At the time of this printing, the second Golf Clinic will have taken place. Those participating have had a marvelous time. Look for this event again in the spring.

<u>The CPR, First Aid and AED Training</u> will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Concert Hall. Please make sure you have signed up in the Activities Book by January 5th to be sure we have enough materials for everyone attending.

**Holiday Decorations Workshop:** Please join us for the Holiday Decorations Workshop on November 30th at 6:30 p.m. We will be decorating wreaths, making centerpieces, and decorating the trees in the foyer and grand concert hall. Bring your favorite soup in a crock pot. Bread, desserts, and beverage will be provided. Sign up in the Activities Book.



If you can't make the workshop and would like to bring an ornament for the tree in the grand concert hall, please put your name and the date you moved in on it. Don't have a special ornament? There will be a table next to the tree with ornaments and glitter pens for you to sign and put on the tree. (These ornaments will become a special Symphony collection.)

See you around the Clubhouse!

# PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

<u>Ladies High Tea</u> What a lovely outing! On October 19<sup>th</sup>, thirty ladies from Symphony Village carpooled to Annapolis and enjoyed the High Tea at Reynolds Tavern. The atmosphere was inviting

with delicious tea, finger sandwiches, petite quiches and various desserts being served, along with conversations with friends and neighbors. Many enjoyed browsing the gift shop featuring beautiful teapots, cups and saucers, pretty stationery, and little serving trays. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all.

# Halloween Happenings

On October 28th Symphony Village residents celebrated Halloween. Two parties were held. The first was held at the Clubhouse from 1-3 p.m. was the Grandchildren's Halloween party. Ninety children came with their parents and grandparents. They were all in costume and eager to participate in the well organized afternoon of fun. As they arrived their pictures were taken with the Great Pumpkin for them to frame as one of their craft projects to be taken as a remembrance of the party. The afternoon included: crafts, making their own goodie basket,

necklaces, bats, and other projects; games where many, prizes were won; and decorating their own cupcake to have with juice. Special Events included face painting and balloons animals by Glitzy the Clown, a Moon Bounce, and rides in a 1947 Hearse. The activities kept every child busy. At 2:30 they had the parade of costumes and collecting of treats from Symphony Village residents gathered to observe and give. The children had a lovely afternoon and went home happy. We want to thank Caruso Homes and Centreville Bank for sponsoring this party. A big Thank You to Linda Farrar and her committee and volunteers for the wonderful afternoon.

The second party that day was the adult Halloween Happy Hour. Many Villagers came in and out of costume to celebrate. It was an enjoyable evening with good food and wonderful companions. Again, we thank Caruso for sponsoring this get together.



Did you get a visit from the *Phantom Ghost?* How much fun was that! Thank you to the Symphony Village resident who started this enjoyable Halloween Treat. I think the Phantom Ghost got to every Resident's home leaving treats and directions on what to do so you wouldn't get visited a second time. It was a trick to get "him" to a neighbor's door

without getting caught.

A Gift to Residents and Others: In the Symphony Village Clubhouse on Sunday, November 5th more than 160 Villagers enjoyed a delightful concert presented by Stefan Scaggiari, pianist, along with Mark Russell on bass and Frank Russo on drums. Anneliese Hoffmann was our gracious hostess; she sponsored and organized both the concert and a lovely intermissions reception with delicious refreshments.



The program included contemporary jazz music written by well-known artists and, in addition, original compositions by the talented Scaggiari. Acoustics in the Grand Foyer were excellent. Thank you, Anneliese, for your generous gift to the community.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### LIFE STYLES COMMITTEE: by Linda Farrar

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

#### Holiday Party

Get in the mood for the Holidays at the Symphony Village Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Put on your party clothes and dancing shoes and join us for an evening of live music and dancing with the VO Duo!



This will be a catered event and is graciously provided for us by Caruso Homes. Attendance at this event will be by ticket only and will be on a first come sign-up list as we are limited by space to 200 people. Sign-up in the Clubhouse beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> and ending November 27<sup>th</sup>, to enable us to let our caterer know the final count. When you sign up, get

your ticket from Jan. We expect a festive time so be sure to get your tickets! This event is limited to Symphony Village Residents only with the sole exception that our single residents may bring one guest.

#### New Years Eve

Ring in 2007 at the third annual Symphony Village New Year's Eve Party on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 p.m. until! The dance floor will be put to use and a DJ will be playing all of our favorite music. This event will be by ticket only. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person and drinks will be BYOB or from the honor bar. Again, we are limited to 200 people so



tickets will be on a first-come basis beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> and ending December 8<sup>th</sup>. You must sign up and pay for your tickets at the same time. Jan will have the tickets. This event is also limited to Symphony Village residents only with the exception of our single residents who may buy a ticket for one guest, as well. We will need help setting up, serving, and cleaning up, so please sign up to attend and also to help. See you at our gala party.

# WATCH YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE DATES OF MOVIE NIGHTS, GAME NIGHTS, LUNCH BUNCH, HAPPY HOURS, AND BOOK CLUB.

#### Symphony Village Singles group

Since our last newsletter two events have taken place. On October 25th we went to Crumpton to Dixon's Auction. Members enjoyed the breakfast at the Mennonite restaurant. They observed 3 auctions and did some shopping. We were happy to have Jan join us for this trip.

On November 4th we toured historical sites in Centreville. These included the Tucker House built in 1794, Wright's Chance built in the late 18th century, and Bloomfield Farm, which will be restored by the county. We had lunch at Kent Manor Inn and toured this wonderful old restaurant.

The walking tour planned for Dec. 2nd has been cancelled by the county. The group will meet on

December 7th at 11 a.m. and visit Christmas at Homestead Gardens. Before the tour we will lunch at the Killarney Restaurant in Davidsonville. Hope to see you there.

## **Book Clubs**

One Book Club meets the <u> $3^{rd}$  Thursday of every month</u>. All are welcome to read the book and come for discussion. The following are the selections for the next few months.

<u>Month</u>	Book	Author
November	Snowflower and The Secret Fan	Lisa See
December	Miss American Pie, Diary of Love, Secrets, and Growing Up in the 70's	Margaret Sartor
January	Rewrites, A Memoir	Neil Simon
February	The Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls

A second Book Club meets the <u>3rd Tuesday of every month</u>. The Reading For Fun Book Club! Our book for October was <u>Between Friends</u> by Debbie Macomber. All agreed it was a "Fun Book." Our host, Pat Kindle, provided a delicious apple cake for dessert. The next meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the clubhouse, hosted by Isabel Cusimano. The selection for November is <u>The Lincoln Lawyer</u> by Michael Connelly. If you need to borrow a copy, call Jack Hennessey at 758-4872 Each month, one person volunteers to be the host. The host provides light refreshments and selects the book for that month. The host for December 19 is Joanne Milczakowski who has chosen another Debbie Macomber book, Changing Habits .

Come out and join the fun! All villagers are invited. Contacts are Jack Hennessey or Pat Kindle.

#### The Gazebo Garden Group



The garden club is under way. Twenty-four mums have been planted along the NE and SW paths. Our thanks to Denison who has amended the soil and has generously donated and planted several anchor plants.

Fifteen hundred bulbs of various types have been delivered from Holland. By the time you read this, we will have had a Planting Party, held on November 10th and November 11th to

accommodate all Symphony Village gardeners. Coffee and donuts were served, and many villagers helped both with planting bulbs and serving coffee and donuts.

We will be planting many perennials and annuals early next spring, and all are invited to participate. Contact Jack Hennessey at 758-4872 or Carol Hodges at 758-0591

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Is it stuffy - no. We interact with one another and we laugh a lot and the truth of the matter is that we have fun. Is there a lot of home work - no. Is it geared toward a certain denomination - no. Even though it is being taught by an associate pastor, it is being taught on the Bible. Our leader, Will LaRose, is a great teacher with an endless amount of knowledge of the Bible who enjoys our asking a lot of questions. At this time we are studying the book of John and the hour when we meet goes by in a hurry. Come see for yourselves. We meet at the clubhouse on Friday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Nov. 18th at 8:00 p.m. & the19th at 3:00 p.m.: Easton Choral Arts Society presents Mozart's *Coronation Mass and Solemn Vespers of a Confessor* at the Avalon Theatre, Easton. Call Jack Walsh for tickets: 443-262-9449.

Dec. 2nd at 7:30 p.m.: Queen Anne's Chorale presents "A Glorious Holiday Concert" at Christ Episcopal Church on Kent Island.

Dec. 3rd at 4:00 p.m.: The Chorale will perform the same at the Centreville United Methodist Church in Centreville. For additional information see the flyer in the Arts & Craft Room or call Kathryn Marchi (SV homeowner and member of the Chorale) at 410-758-3183. Tickets available through Kathryn as well.

Dec. 8th at 8:00 p.m.: *Handel's Messiah at* the Chesapeake College All seats reserved Adults- \$30. Students: \$10. To order tickets by phone: 410-827-5867.

#### SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

#### Silent Auction



Thanks to the generosity of our residents and local merchants, our silent auction was a great success. Over 30 residents worked hard to see that everything was ready for the big night. This could never have happened without all of that help, especially Helena Joy, who organized the auction items and shared her house as a storage area for the donations and many of the food items. We hope you had time to visit with representatives from both

elementary schools that we support as well as members from the Board of Education who were at the function. We owe a special thank you to Caruso Homes and Queenstown Bank for sponsoring the auction. Their generous contributions paid for the food, beverages, and supplies so that all monies raised in the auction can go to our needy families and book programs at the local schools. We also thank the Jeff Davis Post of the American Legion for sponsoring our raffle. At this printing it is estimated that \$7500-8000 was raised. The final figure will be reported in the December Libretto.

#### Santa Tree Instructions

Please pick an ornament from the tree and buy the gift. Wrap the gift and label it with the family number, sex, and age. Please bring the items to the clubhouse by December 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Donuts** for Dads



Don't forget our next book distribution at Kennard Elementary on Wednesday and Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th.</sup> For those who signed up, please meet at Kennard at 7:30 a.m.

#### **Next Sneakers Meeting**

Our next Sneakers meeting will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will be sorting our Santa Gifts.

#### **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE 2006**

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching, and it is time for the annual food drive for our Sneakers families. This year, if we have any extra food, we will donate it to the Adopt-A-Bear family food drive in the public schools. Below is a list of items that are needed. Please don't make substitutions. We will provide the perishables from the Sneakers fund.

Please bring food to the clubhouse and put it in the containers in the Wall Street Room. Also, please make sure that the items have not gone past their expiration date. We will deliver Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, but you can still bring food for the Christmas Baskets through November 30th. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Canned	<u>Canned Goods or Glass Containers</u>	
Vegetables – green beans, corn, peas,	Fruit – peaches, pears, pineapple	
Applesauce	Fruit cocktail	
Sweet potatoes	Syrup	
Cranberry sauce	Coffee	
Peanut butter	Spaghetti	
Soup		
	Dry Goods	
Oodles of noodles	Instant potatoes	
Stuffing mix	Popcorn	
Pancake mix	Brownie mix	
Hot chocolate mix	Cake mix	
Muffin mix	Frosting	
Sugar	Flour	
Spaghetti	Macaroni and Cheese	

# OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE: by Dorothy Hamm

The <u>GARAGE SALE</u> was a big success due to the many generous donations of our neighbors. Some neighbors were especially giving; they were the Morans, Schoens, Heislers, Hodges, Kaminskas and Mary Parker Breshears. Receipts for charitable giving are still available for anyone who did not get one. A special thanks to Carol Powell and Pat Scheirer, who priced everything; and Valerie Heisler and Carol Hodges, who sold most everything. Many thanks to everyone who helped. The garage sale receipts of \$700 will be used to purchase a second defibrillator for the club house. It was a great group effort and the results may save someone's life.

The <u>MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY DINNER</u> at the American Legion receipts amounted to \$1,639. The entire amount was donated to Caring and Sharing of QAC. The dinner was donated by the American Legion and the desserts by Symphony Village. The servers were Doris Pullman, Cassie Rawlings and Connie McNeil. Free dinners were served to 135 disadvantaged seniors and Chesterwye residents. It was a pleasure watching the delighted residents of Chesterwye, home for the handicapped, choose from the vast array of delicious desserts. The Outreach Program provided some of their tickets. Thanks to the bakers and the servers.

The Outreach Program is donating funds to the QAC Council for Youth and Children for Thanksgiving and also for a Christmas Party to be held at Centreville H.S. on December 14th for 200 disadvantaged families. If you would like to donate to their mitten, hat and scarf tree, please call Janet Hughes at 443-262-9729. If you would like to donate a gift to place under the tree, please call Mike or Lynda Teague at 443-262-9053.

# **CENTREVILLE HOLIDAY PARADE** by Suzy Wishard

Please come and join in the fun of helping to decorate the Symphony Village float for the Christmas parade. Our next meetings will be held on November 13th and November 20th at the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. The Symphony Village float will be entered in the Christmas parade in Centreville on December



1st, which starts at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss Father Christmas with his elves, reindeer, gingerbread man, snowman and all the carolers. See if you can recognize any of your neighbors. We still need your help and support. This will be an enjoyable event, so don't miss out. Any questions call Suzy Wishard-410-758-1092 or Doris Pullman-410-758-1578. All residents of Symphony Village are welcome.

# **Outreach Survey**

Many thanks to all the residents who filled out and returned the Volunteer Questionnaire. So far we have the 57 returned forms entered in our data base. It would be greatly appreciated if more of the questionnaires were completed and returned to the clubhouse so that they too could be entered. We need to find out your interests and talents so that we may better serve each and every resident of Symphony Village. Your information and availability is important for all future programs and events here in the Village. We will look for your returned questionnaires in the clubhouse..

### **VOUNTEERS IN ACTION:** by Margie Ferra

In May of 2005, my husband Vince and I moved to Symphony Village. We have lived in Queen Anne's County for over 18 years. For 16 of those years I have been a member of the Adult Day Care Foundation and for 8 years have served as a board member.

The Foundation raises funds for the Adult Day Care (ADC) Medical Centers. I am frequently asked what exactly an Adult Day Care Medical Center is. Well, let me explain. It is a daytime health care facility. Each patient is known as a "Client" and is cared for by a registered nurse, a licensed social worker, a certified activity therapist, and a certified nursing assistant. Each Client receives a personalized care plan approved by their physician. Provisions for medical appointments, physical therapy, etc. are provided as well as transportation, breakfast, lunch and a snack. Age requirement is from 18 to 100 plus.

There are two Centers in Queen Ånne's County. One in Centreville at the Kramer Center and the other on Kent Island at Percy Thomas Center. Both are County Health Department sponsored and all on the staff are Health Department employees.

Now, what is the QAC Adult Day Care Foundation and what does it have to do with the Health Department sponsored program?

- 1. It is a private, non-profit volunteer organization formed as a charitable civic group to aid, advise and correlate all fund-raising activities for QAC's ADC medical centers. The Foundation has the power to receive all donations and administer for the ADC Programs at Centreville and Kent Island.
- 2. County and state funding for these centers is limited. This means that many who are in need of the use of this service are unable to receive it which results in persons in need of daytime care and human contact. The Foundation provides funds to help these individuals so they can receive the needed care which allows them to retain their independence in the community. This also assists the Clients with their daily care to help those caregivers who most often have to work outside the home during the day.
- 3. There are two major fund raisers per year. One is the annual Card Party held in November, which Symphony Village strongly supports. The other varies each year with a decision made at the beginning of each year.

The Foundation is always in need of new members both male and female and welcomes new ideas and energy to achieve its goals. If interested, please give me a call. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. Margie Ferra 410-758-2843

# Neighbor to Neighbor Update

Members of Community have expressed concern about the immediacy of informing the residents of Symphony Village if there has been a death of one of our neighbors. The Neighbor to Neighbor Committee has asked George Drake to e-mail all residents as soon as we receive such news in order to support the family in various ways. We thank him in advance for his assistance and continued support.

The next Neighbor to Neighbor meeting is November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Symphony Room. All are invited to attend and share their ideas to help us build a better community

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM

To help improve the EMS service at Symphony Village, the town of Centreville, and hopefully Queen Anne's entire County, a committee of SV residents has been formed under the initiative of Elizabeth deGuzman. Committee members are Mike Cogan, Chairman; Frank Ogens and Doug Dewhirst as covice chairpersons whose responsibility is fact finding; and George Drake, corresponding secretary. Another committee member is yet to be appointed. Isabel Cusimano and Jack Dedrick will be advisors to the committee. The committee will be attending the Queen Anne's County commissioners meeting when the new ones take office. They will voice our concerns. Everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings. More information regarding date, time and place will be given in the December issue of our newsletter. Our presence speaks loudly of our concerns regarding the EMS service.

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# **ADVERTISING IN THE LIBRETTO!**

The Publication and Communication Committee with approval from the SVAB is adding a page (s) to the newsletter for ads from Symphony Village residents and nonresidents.

Starting with the January issue of Libretto you can place an ad on a business card size with your name and business endeavor printed on it. The business card must be scanner ready.

Both monthly and extended contracts will be available. The price per unit (approximately 2"x 3.75" to accommodate most business size cards) is:

\$20.00/ month for residents of Symphony Village\$25.00/ month for nonresidentsPlease note this would be for a one time ad in the Libretto

A 6 month contract: \$85.00 for residents \$115.00 for nonresidents

A 1 year contract: \$150.00 for residents \$200.00 for nonresidents

Space for larger ads may be available in the future. For more information or to place an ad in the January issue of the Libretto call Ann Walsh- 443-262-9449 or e-mail: <u>dawrn423@aol.com</u> Please encourage local businesses to advertise in our newsletter.

More on back page!

#### FROM THE KITCHEN OF....

#### The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian serves this MAPLE BRINE FREE RANGE TURKEY in its Mitsitam Native Foods Café

6 lbs Free Range Turkey

#### **Maple Brine:**

1-1/2 cup maple syrup	1 tsp. Crushed juniper berries
1 cup kosher salt	1 crushed black peppercorn
1 cup sugar	3 tsp. allspice berries
6 fresh sage leaves	8 cups water
4 sprigs fresh thyme 8 whole cloves	4 cups ice

Combine all Maple Brine ingredients in a pot except ice and boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat, add 4 cups of ice and set aside to cool. Place turkey breast in a pot and cover with maple brine. Refrigerate for 2-3 days.

To cook turkey, rub turkey breast with butter under the skin and on top of the skin. Season with salt and pepper. Roast at 325 degrees to an internal temperature of 140 degrees. Start basting with maple butter\* every 5 minutes. Remove turkey when internal temperature reaches 150 degrees. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before serving.

\* **Maple Butter:** Melt 1 cup butter in a sauce pan. Add 1 cup maple syrup. Bring to a boil and remove from heat.

#### **For Your Information**

#### GOING WIRELESS—ARE YOU SAFE? Submitted by Carol Hodges.

We have been using a router to enable the use of the laptop without another internet account. At our previous house the nearest neighbor was a block away. When we moved here, we started having trouble with the laptop. It became rather sluggish. We have only recently discovered the problem. The internet on the main computer started acting up. After calling Atlantic Broadband, it was determined that the problem was a faulty router. We disconnected it. Low and behold the laptop was still getting a signal. Apparently, one of our neighbors has the same system and has not made it secure. Our laptop had been using that signal all along. Hence, the slow computer due to distance.

Everyone needs to make their signal secure. It is not difficult. Your router manual will explain how to do it. With the laptop, we have access to at least three unsecured systems. Someone sitting in a car outside your home could access your computer if yours is not secured. I am sure none of the residents of Symphony Village will be hacking into another's computer but others may. So become secure.