

# 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:

Ross & Eileen Camardella  
146 Opera Court

Joselle Gatrell  
110 Opera Court

Robert & Nancy Spiker  
222 Harmony Way

Nancy Eyler  
207 Encore Court

## **Welcome to each and everyone!**

\*\* 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, November 28, at 7:00 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 Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately. If you have been previously invited and were unable to come, please feel free to attend. Again, just sign up in the Activities Book.

## **FROM JAN'S DESK**

I'd like to thank all the Grandchildren, Parents and Grandparents who attended the Grandchildren's Halloween party. Did you lose your picture? I have one cute little "bear" picture. Please see Jan.

## **Needed:**



Members of Symphony Village who would be interested in starting a Drama Club. I'm looking for someone who could direct and coach SV homeowners to do a Mystery Play. (We will also need actors, light prop persons. etc). If you are interested, please sign up in the Activities Book and we will plan according to the interest shown.

**Are You New to Symphony Village?** Please call or stop in the Clubhouse to see Jan about scheduling Orientation.



**There are still seats available for the Holiday Celebration, December 1, at Corbaley Hall. The cost is \$40.00 per person for a fabulous dinner, dancing and wonderful evening with friends! Bring your family and guests. Please see Jan or sign up, with check, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Clubhouse foyer.**



Who can I get for some legal advice? *See pages 15 and 16.*

### FROM DENNIS' DESK

The approved budget is now on the website. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 410-758-8500 or [dsesplankis@legumnorman.com](mailto:dsesplankis@legumnorman.com). Thanks!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS



#### Lifestyles Committee Calendar

Upcoming Events:

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|----------|----|----------------------|--|
| November | 17 | 6:00 p.m.            | Happy Hour open to all, but will be catered.   |
| November | 18 | 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.   | Caruso Sponsored Chili Cook-off and Tailgate Party   |
| November | 30 | 6:00 p.m.            | Army vs. Navy Pre-game Pep Rally & Happy Hour – Come and support your favorite team.   |
|          | 30 | 7:00 p.m.            | Movie Night “The Holiday”  |
| December | 1  | 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.   | Holiday Party –Cost: \$40.00 per person<br>Open to SV homeowners, their family and guests. Payment required at time of registration. |
| December | 4  | 7:00 p.m.            | Lifestyle Meeting  |
|          | 7  | 6:00 p.m.            | Happy Hour   |
|          | 7  | 6:00 p.m.            | Centreville Christmas Parade—SV Homeowners will be in the parade. Please sign up in the Activities Book.                             |
|          | 8  | 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Centreville Historical Society Christmas Open House Tour SV Homeowners will host. Please see flyer at Clubhouse and sign             |

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|    |                        | up in the Activities Book or call Pam Ogens for information at 410-758-0374.  |
| 8  | 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Craft Fair at Corbaley Hall—SV Homeowners will have tables  |
| 14 | 7:00 p.m.              | Game Night  |
| 15 | 6:00 p.m.              | Holiday Happy Hour –Entertainment and Holiday Sing along.   |
| 22 | 6:00 p.m.              | Happy Hour  |
| 31 | 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. | New Year’s Eve Celebration –Entertainment Registration required. Cost: \$12.00 per person, which includes Hors d’oeuvres, champagne at midnight and coffee and Danish after midnight. |

### Ladies Night

Take a break from cooking! Come meet and greet at The High Note Café (aka Clubhouse lounge) on Thursday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. A \$5.00 cover includes one non-alcoholic beverage, wine, beer or “drink du jour” and dinner. Don’t expect a fancy meal, just something good (?) to eat. (And should the dinner choice not be to one’s liking, then she who complains the loudest gets to select and purchase the next time!). So mark your calendars, bring your sense of humor and join in the comradely of the women of Symphony Village.

### Symphony Village Chili Cook-off & Tailgate Party



What’s better than football and chili? How about sharing it with your friends and neighbors and a chance to take home the title of “**Symphony Village’s Best Chili Cook**” (prizes will be given out for first, second and third places). The cook-off will take place November 18 from 12:30–4:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Caruso Homes will supply chips ‘n dips, veggie trays, desserts and most importantly, beer and sodas. Come cheer on your favorite team and don’t forget to wear your team pride!! Please bring your favorite chili in a slow cooker and remember to bring your recipe! Remember we need both entries and tasters.



### Game Night

The next game night is scheduled for December 14. Recently participation in game night has been at an all time low. Those who are interested in playing board games would love to have more people attend. The plan for game night is to come to the Clubhouse, bring a board game and snack, and have everyone play. If it’s a game we do not know, you can teach us. We have been playing Sequence regularly, but bring your favorite board game--Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, or something new. We enjoy playing anything new or old. We’re looking forward to you joining us on Friday, December 14, at 7 p.m. to play board games.



Who can I get to clean my house? *See pages 15 and 16!*

## **OUTREACH PROGRAM**

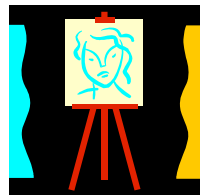
### **Save the Dates—December 8 and January 26**

#### **Cookbook Wassail and Tasting Party**

The Symphony Village Cookbook Wassail and Recipe Tasting Party is December 8 from 6-9 p.m. We will be sending out postcards next week (be sure to check your mailbox) with all the details. There will be a space on the postcard for you to indicate how many Symphony Village Cookbooks you wish to purchase on December 8 at the Wassail Party. We will have them packaged for pickup with your name on the package. Cost is \$15 each. Remember to bring your checkbook as all payment is to be by check made out to Hospice of Queen Anne's County. See you then.

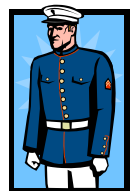


#### **Art Auction**



Symphony Village Outreach is planning a gala evening Saturday, January 26 with a fabulous art auction. Champagne will flow, special foods and desserts will be served, and you'll fall in love with the carefully chosen, beautifully framed selection of art to please every taste. Proceeds from the event will benefit Outreach's community projects. If you would like to be a part of the planning—food, decorating, or organization—please call or email: Valerie Heisler (443) 262-9111 at [vheisler@atlanticbb.net](mailto:vheisler@atlanticbb.net) <<mailto:vheisler@atlanticbb.net>>, or Loretta Quigley (410) 758-6775 at [lorettaquigley@yahoo.com](mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com) <<mailto:lorettaquigley@yahoo.com>> . We welcome new talent, and since it's after the holidays, we can create an exciting event to look forward to in an otherwise very dull month! Look for more details soon, and watch for your invitation in the mail!

#### **Centreville Community Events**



The United States Marine Band Concert will be held at Queen Anne's County High School on Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets have to be picked up at Queen Anne's County Arts Council. This is the first time the Marine Band has been here in five years and they are fantastic to see and hear. It's a freebie, guys, so go get your tickets and head for the high school.

#### **Shopping in Town**

December 8--Heck with the Malls from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a great event that allows we Centreville residents to support the town by shopping locally. There will be a variety of ceramics, textiles, gourmet treats, watercolors, jewelry, baskets--need I go on. Let it suffice to say that there is something for everyone. This wonderful event is held at the Centre for the Arts and upstairs at St. Paul's Church. In addition, downtown Centreville businesses will offer discounts and refreshments to shoppers for a full experience on the town.



#### **Caring and Sharing**



The Caring and Sharing Benefit Dinner was a great success. Free dinners were served to 260 senior citizens and Chesterwye residents. Ten cakes were donated by Symphony Village residents and ten dinner tickets were purchased by the Outreach Program. The dinners were cooked and served by the members of the Grasonville American Legion Post. The left over

cakes were given to the Chesterwye residents and you would have thought it was Christmas by the reaction of the delighted group. It is always so rewarding to give and see such overwhelming joy from the recipients. The benefit collected \$2,701, which will be partially matched by a coalition of local churches. All funds will aid disadvantaged families in Queen Anne's County.

### **Hospice Center in Centreville**

At our October meeting, the Outreach Program Committee voted to pledge \$25,000 to the Hospice Building Fund for a patient's room. A letter was sent to Kevin Sullivan of Caruso Homes asking them to partner with us on our commitment. They responded that they would like to join us in a 50/50 partnership with a donation of \$12,500. The Outreach Committee will cover our portion of the pledge by using the \$9,000 revenue from our Village Cookbook (600 books at \$15) plus money from our garage sales and future fundraisers.

Later, Hospice of Queen Anne's informed us that an anonymous donor from Symphony Village donated \$25,000, which also could be used as part of our pledge. This donation allowed us to increase our pledge to \$50,000 and gave us the opportunity to choose a higher priced gift selection for the new Hospice facility. The choices were a fountain and reflecting pool, a family conference room, or the kitchen. To make a more informed selection, a group of members were taken on a tour of the new center and reported back that the kitchen was the best choice.

The kitchen is expected to be the center of activity for volunteers and family members cooking for residents and guests. It is a lovely room with a small solarium overlooking the fountain and reflecting pool. It will be a great place to showcase our own Village Cookbook! At the November Outreach meeting, the committee voted to choose the kitchen as our gift to the Hospice Center with the full intent of providing volunteers to cook cookies, soups, and whatever else may be needed. Nancie Cameron has already volunteered to bake her wonderful cakes for special occasions.

After the Center is opened in January 2008, we will be asking for more volunteers to help in the kitchen. A plaque will be placed in the kitchen and on a wall in the entrance of the Center recognizing the donation from Symphony Village Residents and Waterford Centreville, LLC. A formal presentation of the plaque will be made to Hospice at the beginning of the Annual HOA Meeting.

### **Symphony Village - Volunteer in Action**

By Carlene Cooke

I work part time in the Planned Giving Office at the Foundation Fighting Blindness working with donors on charitable gift annuities, bequests, and different types of charitable trusts. You may not have heard of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, but you are probably familiar with macular degeneration, either through personal experience or by knowing someone who is affected. The Foundation's mission is to drive the research to find preventions and cures for retinal degenerative diseases, most notably macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa.



Besides the national headquarters, which is located in Owings Mills, MD, there are several regional offices throughout the country. The Foundation also has a National Network of Volunteer Groups (known as Chapters) that raises funds, increase public awareness, and provide

support to their communities. The closest one to us right now is in Fallston, MD, but there is great interest in creating a chapter on the Eastern Shore.

There are many ways to get involved and help the Foundation fulfill its mission. Besides raising money through the normal fundraising methods and the above mentioned chapters it also sponsors special events throughout the country where volunteers are needed. The most recent, and highly successful, are the VisionWalks, walk-a-thon fundraising programs. There will be one in Baltimore on May 3, 2008. This is a great way to be involved. Walkers are needed, and if one cannot walk for some reason, he/she can still support the walk and be considered a 'virtual walker'.

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation Fighting Blindness and its mission, or are interested in becoming involved in its volunteer programs, visit the website, [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org), or call 800-683-5555 for more information. You can also call me at 443-262-8146.

The Foundation also will give presentations on the retinal diseases, complete with scientific input, so if you think that might be of interest here at Symphony Village please let me know.

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**



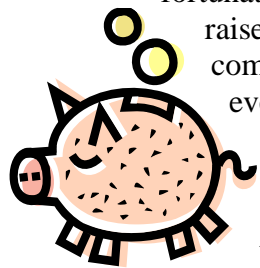
The next Neighbor to Neighbor meeting will be held Thursday, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. Please note the date and time change. The new brochures will be available at this meeting. There is a Ladies Happy Hour that night so please join us after the Happy Hour at 7:30. Neighbor to Neighbor welcomes Judy Hamm as our new Co-Chair. She will assume her new position in January, 2008.

Wishing all a most Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy and peace. There are no neighbors equal to those at Symphony Village!!

### **SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE**

#### **Silent Auction**

**Congratulations and thanks to Symphony village residents.** We want to give a very special thanks to everybody who donated their time, gifts, and donations to make the **Symphony Sneakers Third Annual Silent Auction and Raffle** such a tremendous success. We are very fortunate to live in such a caring and generous community. Through your efforts we raised over \$8000 from the silent auction (final expenses have not been computed), four raffle items, and donations. This was an activity supported by everybody. We were excited to see so many of our neighbors participate in the fun. We had more than 200 people attending this event, including officials from the local schools and School Board. While we are reluctant to extend individual thanks for fear of missing somebody, we do want to acknowledge the donations from Caruso Homes and Queenstown Bank, whose generosity covered the food and beverage costs of putting on the auction, as well as our local chapter of the American Legion whose support enabled the success of our raffles. We would also be remiss if we did not give special thanks to Helena Joy and Chris Collins for their many tireless hours of preparation. Again, many, many thanks to all who made this such a success. Also, please support our local vendors whose gifts of products and services enabled us to raise these funds for the beneficiaries of our charity.





### **Annual Holiday Gift Tree**

As many of you may have noticed, we have once again undertaken to support two families with holiday gift items. There is a “Gift Tree” in the Clubhouse with suggested items for the members of these two families. If you are able, please take one or more of these items to help some of our less fortunate Centreville neighbors.

### **Book Giveaway**



If you want to help with the next book giveaway at Kennard Elementary School, Donuts For Dads, it will take place from approximately 7:30–9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28 and 29, 2007. If you can join us, please call Linda Farrar, 410-758-8744, after November 21.

### **Next Sneakers Meeting**

The next Sneakers Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Everyone in Symphony Village is invited to join us at our meetings and in our endeavors to help the school age children of Centreville and their families.

### **SYMPHONY SSINGLES**

On Tuesday, November 13, the Sssingles traveled to Chesapeake City. We started in the rain but the sun soon came out. Our first stop was the C&D Canal Museum, located next to the canal. It showed the workings and history of the canal. We toured the museum, enjoyed the view, and looked for boats coming down the canal. Lunch was at Bayard House alongside the canal where we could continue to look for boats and still enjoy a tasty lunch. After lunch, we stopped at the local shops and returned home happy with our trip.

The Sssingles next trip will be Sunday, December 9. We will take the Tour of Homes in St. Michaels. This is the Christmas tour and the homes will be decorated for Christmas. A sign-up sheet will be at the Clubhouse. If you want to go, sign up and pay Peggy Brown for your ticket before Nov. 25. Tickets will be \$20. If you decide to come without a ticket, buying them in St. Michaels it will cost \$25. We will meet at the Clubhouse parking lot on Sunday December 9 at 9:30 a.m.



Who is a State Farm representative? *See ads on pages 15 and 16.*

## **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

### **Symphony Village Art Group**



Monday's--10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Purpose: We would like to create a group of people interested in art of any type in order to assist each other to gain further knowledge in our individual fields. Whether beginner or professional, all are invited to join in our quest of art. We will bring our own supplies and equipment and work on our own projects, but we will share ideas and support and learn from each other. We encourage everyone to bring samples of their work.



## Book Clubs

### Third Tuesday Reading for Fun Book Club



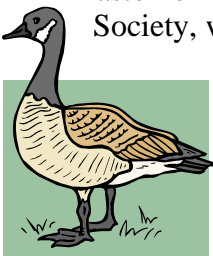
The book for October was *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. He also wrote *The Kite Runner*. Some felt that *Suns* was not as good as *Kite*, but all agreed that it was an excellent book. A dessert of French crumb cake was supplied by Jack Hennessey. The selection for November is *74 Seaside Avenue* by Debbie Macomber. This is a continuation of her series about life in a small New England town and is light reading. Pat Kindle, who will provide dessert and pictures of her trip to Ireland, made this selection. We are all looking forward to this meeting! Joanne Milczakowski has recommended *Ghost Rider* by McCrumb for our meeting on January 20. All residents are invited to attend and participate in discussions. Y'all come!

### Third Thursday Book Club

At our October meeting the book club discussed *The Girls*, a book about conjoined twins, by Lori Lansens. On November 15 we will be discussing *The Camel Bookmobile*, by Marla Hamilton, and our December book is *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. This book was recently made into a movie. We hope you will join our discussions on November 15 and December 20 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting new readers.

### Symphony Village Bird Club

The Symphony Village Bird Club had a wonderful outing to Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton on October 20. On a nature walk led by Wayne Bell, Maryland Ornithological Society, we identified over two dozen birds and fleetingly saw and heard even more, even though the only over-wintering shorebirds to arrive so far are the Canada geese. We were treated to a bald eagle perching majestically at the top of a tall tree and we watched a Northern Harrier cruise repeatedly back and forth across the dry marsh (the drought) and the forest fringes until it finally swooped to the ground and didn't reappear, staying on the ground to eat whatever it had caught. We were thrilled to watch yellow-rumped warblers (known fondly as "yellow butts") and palm warblers flit among the trees on the forest edge. Walking through the various habitats, we enjoyed the variety and diversity of bird life that each had to offer.



The Bird Club traveled to Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Smyrna, Delaware, on November 8. We motored along the Auto Tour route, lingering at tour stops highlighted in the brochure to look for birds. Thousands of snow geese and Canada geese have arrived for the winter. The views of the marsh were spectacular from two observation towers. We again thrilled at the sight of a Northern Harrier as well as a flicker, ducks of many varieties, a great blue heron, and many others. Lunch in Sudlersville capped off a successful trip. Our next trip will be to the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Rock Hall, Maryland, on December 1. We'll walk some of the trails and lunch in Rock Hall. Please sign up in the Activities Book.

The next bird club meeting is November 29, at noon, in the Arts and Crafts Room of the Clubhouse. POC is Linda Blume, 410-758-3194.



## **Do You Recycle?**

Tom and I are currently collecting recycling at the Clubhouse. The container is located behind the bar. We need others to help us when we are out of town. If you would like to help, please call us at 410-758-8658 or e-mail us at [tscull@atlanticbb.net](mailto:tscull@atlanticbb.net). Thank you in advance for your help. Mary and Tom Scull.

## **PAST SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Children's Halloween Party**



The Lifestyles Committee put on a great Halloween celebration for the grandchildren of Symphony Village residents. The children arrived at 1:00 p.m. in full costume. They had fun decorating their bags, doing some crafts, playing games, and eating snacks. Many children had their pictures taken with Glitzy the Clown. Due to the inclement weather, the residents brought their treats to the Clubhouse to distribute to the children. Thank you Doris Pullman and the rest of the Lifestyles Committee.

## **OF LOCAL INTEREST**

### **Come Visit Us**

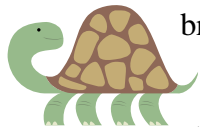


The Queen Anne's barbershop chorus, Pride of the Bay, welcomes visitors. We meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Chesapeake College, Humanities Building, Room 117 (Cadby Theatre). Men who are interested in singing with us are invited as well as anyone curious to see how we rehearse, or anyone who just wants to say hello. Familiar Christmas music is on our agenda now. Call your neighbor Jack Walsh for more information and/or a ride--443-262-9449.

### **Pickering Creek Audubon Center** **by Linda Blume**

The Pickering Creek Audubon Center near Easton is a Sanctuary of the Chesapeake Audubon Society. It offers a low-key environment and varying habitats in which to look for wildlife. You can expect to see birds and a wide variety of plant life, and you may also glimpse mammals (the endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel, rabbits, muskrats), reptiles and amphibians (turtles, salamanders), and insects (butterflies, dragonflies).

Pickering Creek offers a number of nature trails through different habitats – pick up a trail map at the office or explore on your own. There are specialized gardens in season. Once the drought breaks, the freshwater pond should once again be filled with water and populated with over-wintering waterfowl. There is a live reptile and amphibian display in a building near the office, and there is a mounted bird and mammal display in the office building itself. They offer canoe rentals, in season, members only.



There is no admission charge to the Center. The office is open: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; closed Sunday. The trails and gardens, however, are open dawn to dusk daily. “Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.” Pickering Creek has special events and seasonal programs year-round. Look on their website at [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org) for the schedule or telephone them at 410-822-4903 to see what is coming up.



The Center also has a very active Volunteer Program. They were present at the Symphony Village Volunteer Fair in September, and they would welcome SV residents into the Program.

Projects vary widely, and there should be something of interest for anyone who wants to volunteer. For information, contact Beth Wasden at 410-822-4903.

Directions (about 17 miles from Symphony Village):

Take Route 213 South to Route 50. Turn left onto Route 50 East. Route 662 crosses Route 50 several times: take the second turn for Route 662 -- Longwoods Road. (This correct turn is just after mile marker 58 on Route 50.) Proceed through Longwoods, pass a little red school house on the right, and pass Rabbit Hill Road on the left. Turn right onto Sharp Road, the first right turn after Rabbit Hill Road. Go about 1.5 miles. Turn right onto a continuation of Sharp Road. Go about 1.25 miles. Look for the Pickering Creek sign on the right. Turn right onto Audubon Drive into the Center. The driveway comes to a "T". The unmanned Welcome Center is straight ahead, and parking is to the left. Several trails start in this area. To get to the office and education buildings, follow the gravel driveway on the right until you reach a cluster of buildings. The office is straight ahead, and parking is to the left, between the buildings, down the hill.

### **Future Day Trips**

Have you taken a day trip to a destination you can recommend? Would you share with your neighbors? A short paragraph is all we need. Include the destination name, what to see and do, directions, admission charge (if any), hours, as well as anything else of particular interest. You can e-mail your submission to Carol Hodges at [lhodges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lhodges@atlanticbb.net) or give Carol a hardcopy. Thanks for your input.

### **PERSONAL ADS**

**Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need? Email the ad of 20 words or less to [lhodges@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lhodges@atlanticbb.net) or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.**

King custom bedspread, pillows (blues/salmon)  
King comforter/shams/drapes (chocolate/apricot)  
3' X 5' Moroccan tribal rugs  
410-758-3224 Reasonable offers

### **TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH**

#### **Niagara Falls and Cape Cod**

**By Kay Blair**

During the last few weeks of September, we took a trip in our 5th wheel trailer and headed for Niagara Falls, New York, and then on to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The weather could not have been better--just perfect! We were very excited because we had never been to Niagara and we were not disappointed--the Falls are remarkable. We stayed on the American side and walked over to the Canadian side via the Rainbow Bridge. On the Canadian side there is a trolley system, and for \$2.00 you can purchase an all-day pass and travel around the area. The real bonus however, was the entertaining drivers. One sang an Elvis song, another told jokes--what fun!



The very best part of the Falls experience for us was the "Maid of the Mist" boat ride and the "Cave of the Winds." If you have never done these, don't miss them on your next visit. They

give you a plastic raincoat and sandals to wear and an elevator takes you to the bottom of the Falls. From there you may walk up as many as three levels. The highest point is named Hurricane Point. When you reach the top, you are only 10 feet from the "Bridal Veil Falls." It is very exciting and very wet!!

We spent three days at the Falls, then headed east toward Cape Cod. We took a day and a half to reach our destination. One of the great benefits of retirement and RV'ing is there is no need to rush--just relax and enjoy the moments.



We always stay in Provincetown, Cape Cod. It is known as "P" town to the locals and is located on the very tip of the Cape. The population is primarily Portuguese watermen and their families. At the east end of town is Provincetown Inn, a very old inn with murals dating back to the early 1900s. It is also the first landing place of the Pilgrims. Unfortunately, over the years we have witnessed more and more condos being built and in the process taking away many old and wonderful places. This is PROGRESS??????? We certainly don't think so.

We drove down to the beautiful National Seashore. The seashore is 1/2 the entire shoreline of the Cape. We took the nature walk. The walk was designed to accommodate the blind. The walk has a rope railing with markings where the steps are, and all of the information plaques are in English as well as Braille. How great is that!



On our last night we walked up and down Commercial Street, the main drag, and enjoyed talking about what a wonderful vacation it had been. Paul's biggest thing about vacations is eating which is the main reason he loves cruises. We both enjoy New England seafood. I try and try to get my "fill" of lobster while there, but I have never accomplished this.

The biggest disappointment, if you can call it that, was we were too early to catch the fall foliage. All in all it was a wonderful vacation and after driving 1800 miles, we returned home safely.

### **In Case of Emergency (ICE)**

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case of Emergency). The idea came from a paramedic who found that when he went to the scene of an accident, the patient almost always had a mobile phone, but they didn't know which number to call. If you were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending you would be able to call your emergency contact. A further suggestion is that if you plan to use this, put a space before the word ICE so that it comes up first in the directory.

### **Safety Alert**

There have been several near accidents recently at the intersection of Symphony Boulevard and Taylor Mill Road. Since more traffic is using the construction entrance to Symphony Village, you MUST come to a complete STOP at the stop sign on Symphony Boulevard and check carefully in both directions before turning right onto Taylor Mill Road. Let's prevent a tragedy.

## **Lamppost Lights**

Now that it is dark in the evenings, it would be nice if everyone would turn on their lamppost lights. Residents who are walking in the Village are experiencing many dark areas. Residents may not be aware that the lampposts are solar. They can be turned on and they will go off at dawn and come on again at dusk. The strollers and dog walkers will thank you.

## **Special Reminders**

- Club House Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper's email--[symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net)
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--[dsesplankis@legumnorman.com](mailto:dsesplankis@legumnorman.com)
- Warranty Office—301-261-0277 ext. 135 Katherine Zell
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext.211; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:email—gbachman@carusohomes.com)

**From the Kitchen of  
Kathy Gauthier**



### **Pumpkin Bars**

2 cups flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. salt  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. baking soda

2 cups pumpkin  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Combine dry ingredients together.

Mix oil, sugar, pumpkin, and eggs thoroughly.

Add sifted dry ingredients and beat well. Add nuts if desired.

Pour onto greased baking sheet (jelly roll pan).

Bake 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Frosting:

3 oz. cream cheese, softened  
¾ stick margarine  
1 tbsp. milk or half and half

1 tsp. vanilla  
1 ¾ cup powdered sugar

Beat together until smooth. Frost top of cooled bars. Cut into squares or bar shapes.



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## Symphony Village Fall 07'

### Irrigation

In the next week our irrigation department will be "winterizing" the entire irrigation system for the season. However, if during the winter and early spring you notice breaks, broken heads, or any other issues please feel free to report the problem just as you have in the past.

**IRRIGATION SCHEDULES OF 11/12/07**  
THE SYMPHONY VILLAGE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING "WINTERIZED" FOR THE SEASON AND WILL RESUME NORMAL OPERATION IN THE SPRING OF 2008'.

### Maintenance

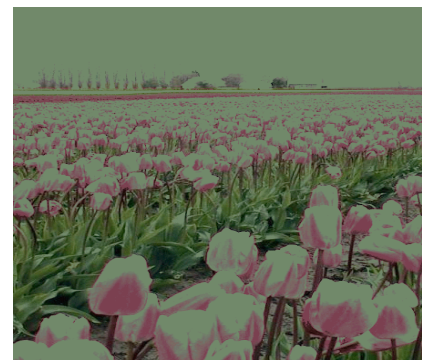
During the past couple weeks we have made changes to the community to prepare for the upcoming season. This would include the community annual rotation, aerating and overseeding, and the holiday decorations. In addition, we will be following up on the emails you sent to Dennis Sesplankis regarding plant replacements throughout the community. Denison will take a look at the material and replace as necessary. Thank you in advance for your feedback and patience.

### Tip of the Month

Fall and early winter is a great time to plant bulbs. Bulbs can often be the first flowers to bloom in late winter and early spring. Some of the best bulbs for planting in the fall and winter include daffodils, day lilies, iris, tulips, and ranunculus. Get out and get your hands dirty planting bulbs so that you'll be rewarded with color in the spring. The following website from the University of Illinois Extension office offers great information on bulb selection and installation.

[www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/bulbs/planting.html](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/bulbs/planting.html)

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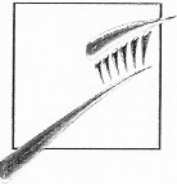
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