

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.

New Homeowners

The following residents have settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication. Symphony Village welcomes--

Art and Carole Walsh
609 Symphony Way

Larry and Eunice Cordrey
122 Opera Court

Mary Jo Keefe and
Vinny Volpicelli
380 Overture Way

Dale and Constance Mumper
619 Harmony Way

Patricia Moschell-Radeff and
Arthur James Radeff
103 Opera Court

Welcome Evening for New Residents

All new residents are invited to a "Welcome Evening" on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately. If you have been previously invited and were not able to come, please feel free to attend. Again, just call Carol or sign up.



FROM JAN'S DESK

The **Senior on the M.O.V.E. Program** will begin May 28 and be presented at the Clubhouse on four consecutive Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring a friend! M.O.V.E. is to allow Senior drivers to keep their driver's licenses but become safer educated drivers. (See related article under Neighborhood News.)



May 28 Presenter: Myra Wieman, AAA Mid Atlantic
 Sponsor: J. Terry Ober, Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator
 Guest: Sheriff R. Gery Hofmann, III

- June 4 Presenter: J. Terry Ober, Queen Anne’s County Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator, Retired Maryland State Police, Safety Seat Technician

- June 11 Presenter: Erin Hill, Dorchester County Safety Seat Technician/Senior Checker

- June 18 Presenter will be a local pharmacist (to be announced)

- June 25 **Car Fit** will take place in the parking lot of Symphony Village from 10 a.m. until noon. This event allows you to become more familiar with your car and to better understand the safety features and assist with your ability to reduce “blind” spots. You are invited to bring your car and let us check it out for safety and for compatibility for you. This is a fun event. Invite your friends to bring their cars too!

On Tuesday, April 29, representatives from Tricare Prime Benefits spoke about benefits that the new Anne Arundel Medical Facility on Kent Island will offer to military retirees. There was a good turn out.

The first SV “Dancing with the Stars” has taken place. Did your favorite win? The Ballroom Dancing class held an Open House demonstrating three dancing techniques: foxtrot, swing, and rumba.

Look for a Fashion & Quilt Show & Tea in the fall. Our own quilting & knitting classes will “show off” their creations along with clothes by CAbi (Carol Anderson by invitation). Watch for details.

Please remember to check the Activities Book & the Bulletin Board often; new things are always coming up. Also, the bulletin board in the Arts & Crafts Room has items of local interest.

Learn the Art of Fly Fishing

Rob Wilson, a local boat captain and fisherman, will be conducting a class on fly fishing on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m. at the gazebo. The class will last for an hour and a half and will cost only \$5. Please sign up in the Activities Book by May 30.

FROM DENNIS’ DESK

Symphony Village Pool Survey

1. To reference the Symphony Village Pool Survey dated January 17, 2008, go to villagehoa.org/documents
2. As a result of the survey, the Officers of the Association have agreed to leave the pool usage as it currently exists in accordance with the pool rules dated December 2006. *Note: The time for opening the outdoor pool is 8 a.m. and the Indoor Pool is 6 a.m.

3. Thanks to all of you for your participation in the Pool Survey and for taking the time to express your thoughts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

There were seventeen homeowners gathered for a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 7 p.m. We spent 90 minutes reviewing the “**good times**” for our community. We meet again on Tuesday, June 3. The invitation to our monthly meeting goes out to all.

Weekly Update: It is sent to you by email every Friday or you may pick up a copy at the Clubhouse if you do not have email. It is the best way to know what is happening each day of the week. Be sure to read the several paragraphs that follow the week’s calendar to know about local news and future events at the Clubhouse.

An important message! For all events that require it, payment must be made at the same time you enter your name in the Activities Book. Payment is by check **only**, made out to SV HOA @ Centreville. **Cash is never accepted.** If no one is there to accept your check, place it in the convenient plastic box labeled “checks.” **A name with payment will validate your sign in.**

May events you don’t want to miss!

- **The Shelley Abbott Happy Hour on Sunday, May 18, from 4 until 8 p.m....**
(As with other happy hours, please bring an appetizer or dessert.
Shelley will entertain you with her songs. She is a Patsy Cline double. You can sing, dance, and be merry.) **Please sign up in the Activities Book. The event is free but a head count is necessary.**
- **The Memorial Day Holiday Celebration, May 26, from 1 to 5 p.m.**
Nancie Cameron, with her team of workers and homeowners from Opera, Encore, 600-800 Harmony Way, and 509 and 609 Symphony Way will sponsor this event. Homeowners and guests pay \$6 per person; children, 10 years and under, pay \$3 per child.



This event will include your typical cook-out food items of hot dogs, hamburgers, several cold salads, baked beans, chips, watermelon, ice cream bars, brownies, and cookies. There will be music, a scavenger hunt for children, bocce ball, and best of all, “the pool is open.” Sign up as soon as possible.

Reminding everyone to check your monthly calendar and weekly updates for:

- Happy Hours, Movie Night, Bocce Ball Wednesdays, and Game Night
- Bridge, Poker, Canasta, and Bowling

- All the many fitness and exercise activities
- Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, May 20, at Hunter's Oak Pub (**sign up**)
- The Mount Vernon Trip on Wednesday, May 28 (A few more seats available.)

Some summer events to start thinking about:

- **A Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour on June 21 with DJ Bo from Doc's Restaurant (bring an appetizer or dessert)**
- **Dining Inn on Saturday, June 28 (sign up)**
- **Crab Feast on the Choptank River, August 21 (sign up with payment)**

Choptank Paddlewheel Crab Feast



Back by popular request is our Choptank Paddlewheel Crab Feast. Join your neighbors on Thursday, August 21, at noon for a cruise and crab feast on the beautiful Choptank River. Included is an all-you-can-eat crab feast, plus steamed crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage (soda, coffee, and/or tea). All of this for \$43 per person, including tax. There will be a cash bar for

alcoholic beverages. We will carpool from the Clubhouse (time to be determined). Sign-up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse and pay Jan, as this is sure to be a sell-out.



Who can I get for a massage? *See pages 15 to 18!*

OUTREACH UPDATE

Flower Mart

Water, Water Everywhere and More Plants Available



We had hoped for a beautiful spring day for the Flower Mart on Saturday, May 10, but as it turned out a different kind of day was given to us. We found, however, that neither rain nor wind could keep Symphony Village residents from coming to the Clubhouse Pavilion to pick up pre-ordered plants, browse, and buy extras that were displayed. Once again we are indebted to our neighbors for supporting the efforts of the

Outreach Program. We do want you to know that we have extra planters that are displayed under the Pavilion for those of you who want to pick up additional ones for your patio or garden. The cost for the planters is posted under the Pavilion and payment

for your purchases can be delivered to Linda Blume, 224 Orchestra Place; Joyce Edmonston, 111 Overture Way; or Beth Dewhirst, 301 Overture Way.

Outreach and Symphony Village Donations

It was brought to our attention that Social Services was running out of food. To replenish their stock a plea was sent to the residents of Symphony Village and to the Outreach Program. Our SV residents came forward, as they usually do, and met the need. To add to Social Services larder, the Outreach Program voted to donate \$250 to further facilitate the buying of food.

The poor economic conditions are causing problems for many people living in Queen Anne's County. County and state funds are also limited and budgets are being cut or frozen, so your donations and the donations of Outreach greatly helped fill a void.



Who can finish my basement? *See pages 15 to 18!*

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE

Sneakers is gearing up for our annual Silent Auction and Raffle to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008. We need your help!! If you have a service, business, vacation home, or any other item to be auctioned, please contact Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Linda Farrar (410-758-8744).



At our last meeting, Sneakers voted to expand our outreach for Centreville school students by awarding a \$500 scholarship to a deserving student at Queen Anne's High School. This month we assisted Caruso Homes who sponsored the Kennard Chess Tournament held in the Clubhouse. All who participated had a great time, and we hope this will become an annual event. What a sight to see 25 people, mostly Kennard Elementary School students, playing against the Chess Master simultaneously. We even spotted the President of the Town Council participating against the students!!

Volunteers from Symphony Sneakers were honored at the Kennard Elementary School Volunteer Breakfast for all of their support at the school. Our next project is an all-school book giveaway at Kennard on Monday, June 9. If you are able to help, please sign up in the Activity Book at the Clubhouse. All Symphony Village residents are invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.



Who can do a haircut? *See pages 15 to 18!*

SYMPHONY SSINGLES

SSSingles has three fun outings planned in the near future. We're going to Ford's Restaurant in Rock Hall on Thursday, May 22 (note change from the original date), carpooling from the Clubhouse parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Ford's feature dinner that night will be T-bone Steak and Shrimp. Please sign up in the Activities Book as we need to make a reservation. A second "eating out opportunity" will be going to Sunday Brunch on June 8, restaurant to be decided soon. Lastly, we'll cruise to Smith Island on June 29. Details and sign-up sheets for these two trips are also in the Activities Book. All SSSingles outings are open to all SV single residents. If you haven't attended one of our activities yet, please take the plunge! We have a lot of fun! If you have any questions or comments or ideas for future outings, call Doris Pullman on 410-758-1578.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Seniors on the M.O.V.E.

The program, Seniors on the M.O.V.E. (Mature Operators Vehicular Education), was developed because there are a limited number of older/mature driver training programs available. The goal of the program is to reduce the risk of injury to the older driver (60+ years) by increasing drivers' knowledge and abilities and facilitating self-regulation and informed decision-making about driving behaviors.

The program is an interactive, multi-session training that is limited to 40 participants to maximize interaction and learning. Classes are held sequentially, for a total of 4 weeks with one 2-hour training session being held each week. All sessions have been designed to complement and build from one to another. All sessions take place in classroom settings; there is no actual driving involved in the training.

Sessions include:

1. "Roadwise Review"—a driving abilities assessment CDROM program—developed and presented by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety
2. "Road Smart"—Developed by a special committee from the Central Maryland Regional Safe Communities Center, presented by trained driving instructors
3. "Safer Driving: Me and My Vehicle"—Developed and presented by Maryland DHMH Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) personnel
4. "Being Medwise to Stay Roadwise" Medication Management—Developed and presented by the Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging at the University of MD School of Pharmacy

Symphony Village Covenants Committee

The Covenants Committee is the newest among standing committees in the community. Its charter is: to assure that homeowners and their contractors comply with the community's architectural standards and covenants.

The Process:

Most of you with patios or gardens have encountered the covenants process, possibly through Rosemary Davis who performed these duties for Caruso. The process involves completing a request form, and, with the assistance of any professionals involved in your project, providing descriptive information, sketches, plot plans, and possibly samples. Applicants should submit their proposals to Dennis Sesplankis, who forwards them to the committee for review. The committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the board for final disposition. Except in cases not clearly defined in the association's documents, the committee should have a reply to the applicant within 30 days of submittal.

The People:

The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The committee consists of John DiLaura, Chair; Don Cameron, Vice Chair; and Mary Ciesielski, Bob Eck, Barry Silverman and Tom Weeks.

Harmony on The Bay Chorus

Harmony on The Bay Chorus invites women who like to sing to come join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Community Building, 120 Banjo Lane, Centreville. For more information call Suzy Wishard—410-758-1092 or 410-924-0013.

Listen to Your Garage Door

All last winter, my garage door was trying to tell me something, but I wasn't listening. Last week, Hickman Door translated the door's comments for me, and replaced the three lower panels of my door – for \$510. We had a couple of dings in our door from minor collisions, so when the door began to thump as it raised and lowered, I assumed the track was misaligned from the collisions, and searched for the source. By the time I realized that the source was elsewhere, the dents had become actual tears in the door panels. The tears became so large that the door no longer had the strength to withstand the force of the electric opener. When Hickman's representative came to estimate the replacement, he told me that I hadn't lubricated the large coil spring that runs horizontally across the top of the door opening. He told me that a little WD40 across the spring and on the hinges and rollers once or twice a year would have kept the door from binding and doing the damage.



I don't have an instruction manual for my door, nor do I remember any conversation about door maintenance. Take my advice--\$510 will buy a lot of WD40.

John DiLaura

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club



The Gazebo Garden Gang has been very busy! While the tulips were not too successful this year, the daffodils were spectacular! We have acquired about 100 new plants to add to the gazebo garden. We have also added 8 hanging baskets and shepherd's crooks for displaying them. The budget of \$500 that was granted is much appreciated, but we have already exceeded that by about \$125. Any donations for additional flowers and new American flags would be welcomed. We have 18 gardeners who have each agreed to care for one of the 20 flower beds in the garden. This means that we have a need for two more volunteers to care for a bed. Please contact Joan or Jack Hennessey to volunteer.

We are happy to announce that the kildeer have returned and are currently sitting on four eggs, which hatched this week. (Unfortunately, the storm was not kind to the babies). We also have four nesting pairs of purple martins in the original martin apartments. We have received approval for a second martin house, to be installed this week at the east end of the eastern pond. We are waiting for approval of a third house to be installed at the eastern end of the north pond. These houses cost about \$250 each and will be installed by the garden club members.

After the rain ceases, we will finish planting flowers and mulching the beds. Hopefully, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be good evenings to work in the garden. All residents are welcome to participate!

Symphony Village Bird Club

The Bird Club participated in two of the many guided trips held during the Delmarva Birding Weekend in April. Two members enjoyed the “Poor Man’s Pelagic on the Cape May-Lewes Ferry” trip. Two members attended “Birds of the Delaware Bay Coast” where, in addition to identifying over 35 bird species, they were thrilled to see a great-horned owl nesting on an osprey platform surrounded by water with her adorable fuzzy white owlet peaking over the edge of the nest.



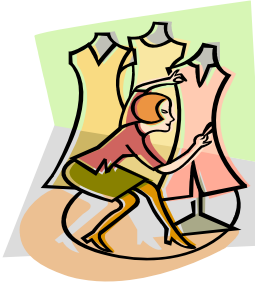
The next club meeting is May 29, noon, at the Picnic Pavilion. Bring ideas for future outings; or, if you can’t attend the meeting, call Linda Blume on 410-758-3194 with your suggestions. Now that winter seems to be finally over, let’s go see what we can see!

P.S. The ruby-throated hummingbirds have returned. Put your feeders out if you haven’t already done so. Change the nectar at least once a week.

Book Clubs

Third Tuesday Reading for Fun Book Club

The selection for April was *Snow Falling On Cedars*, recommended by Joan Hennessey. The author is David Guterman. Deviled eggs and cookies with milk were provided for



dessert. All agreed that this was a good selection and provided much food for thought. Lively discussions followed. The book for May, recommended by Linda Gardner, is *The Dressmaker* by Elizabeth Oberbeck. Four copies of this book were obtained and widely circulated. This has been reported to be a "Chick Book." Jack will let you know! The next meeting will be held May 20, probably in the craft room, since we are expecting a large turnout. All residents are welcome to attend. Coffee and dessert

will be provided to supplement a lively discussion. Let us know if you plan to attend--we may need two cakes and two pots of coffee! Y'all come! Joan and Jack, 410-758-4872.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. the Thursday Book Club will meet. We plan to discuss *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo. We will also discuss the future of the Book Club. Attendance at book discussions has been low. Do we want to continue? Everyone interested please attend.

Quilting



Ties! Ties! Ties! Get rid of all those men's ties that are no longer used. I would be glad to have them for a quilt project. You can drop them off in the Art & Crafts room at the Clubhouse, or call me and I will come by your house and pick them up. Jeanne Novack, 410-758-2842.



Who can I get to finish my basement? *See pages 15 to 18!*

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Dancing The Night Away!



class

Friday evening, May 9, saw ballroom dancing come to life in the SV Concert Hall. Amanda Showell did a wonderful job making everyone feel “at ease” and willing to take to the dance floor. A total of 27 people attended the evening event. Amanda gave 20-minute lessons on some basic steps for the rumba, foxtrot and swing. Preceding each 20-minute session, she had some of her current SV “Stars,” who take her on Wednesdays, give demonstrations to the potential students.

Everyone got out on the floor and appeared to have a good time.

At the present time, ballroom dancing lessons are offered on Wednesday (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.) in the SV Clubhouse and later that evening at the Centreville Arts Council Center. Amanda is extremely talented and makes dancing “fun”! She is willing to start another class, so if you are interested, please contact Jan. It sure was an entertaining evening!



Who can I get to style my hair? *See pages 15 to 18!*

Of Local Interest

Kent Island Day

Kent Island Day commemorates the founding of Kent Island in 1631. It will be celebrated on May 17, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., in Historic Stevensville Downtown Center.



Admission is free. Look for displays, crafts, and activities that demonstrate Kent Island’s Heritage. **Hospice of Queen Anne’s** will launch raffle sales for the **Paul Reed Smith: Guitar 101 Experience**, which will have four winners, and its **Bushel of Crabs** raffle, which will have two winners.

Each of the four Paul Reed Smith Guitar 101 Experience winners will receive a visit with Paul Reed Smith, himself; as well as a tour of the Paul Reed Smith Guitar factory in Stevensville; winner’s choice of an SE electric guitar; and a private clinic with a professional guitar instructor. The four lucky winners of this raffle will be selected from a maximum of 1,000 raffle tickets on January 16, 2009.

Hospice will also be initiating its annual Crab Raffle sales at this event. The two winners, who will each receive a bushel of crabs, will be selected on August 16. All raffle proceeds will directly support the programs at Hospice of Queen Anne's, located in Centreville. Please come out and enjoy the day--and don't forget your raffle tickets. They make great gifts and support a great cause!

For more information about Hospice of Queen Anne's, the Paul Reed Smith: Guitar 101 Experience Raffle, or the Crab Raffle, please call 443-262-4100.

Wings and Wheels for Sight

This event will be held on May 31, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Bay Bridge Airport in Stevensville. On display will be antique and classic cars and airplanes, model trains, remote-controlled model aircraft, and much more. Admission is \$10 per car and proceeds benefit the Wilmer Eye Clinic.



Chesapeake Bay Wine Festival

The Festival will take place May 31 and June 1, from noon – 6 p.m., at the Terrapin Nature Park in Stevensville. Featured will be “the finest wines in the area,” local food, artisans, and entertainment. Go to their Website www.chesapeakebaywinefestival.org for more information.



Historic Sites Open House

Queen Anne's County will open 16 historic sites to the public on June 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., no admission charge. See their Website www.historicqac.org for details.

Youth Fishing Derbys



Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge hosts their 6th Annual Youth Fishing Derby on June 7 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event is open to ages 15 and under, and prizes will be awarded in several categories.

There will also be turtle and frog races. Details are on their Website www.blackwater.fws.gov.

Queen Anne's County hosts a Youth Fishing Derby on June 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Terrapin Nature Park in Stevensville. Children 16 and under will fish and be awarded prizes in several categories. See Website www.parksnrec.org for details.

Thursdays in the Park

Thursdays in the Park begins the 2008 season with a concert by the Kent Island Band on June 12, 7 – 9 p.m., Millstream Park in Centreville. Contact the Arts Council for dates and times for additional events in the summer series.

Bay Music Festival

The Festival will be held on June 14, 5 – 11 p.m., at the Queen Anne’s 4-H Park on Route 18 in Centreville. It’s a family friendly day of music outdoors to include Blues, Bluegrass, classic Rock, Honky Tonk, and more. Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate, children under 12 free. See their Website www.baymusicfestival.com for additional information.



Where can I go for physical rehab? *See pages 15 to 18!*

TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH **Hong Kong, Mainland China, Korea, and Japan** By Bob and Debbie Hardy

As some of you know, Bob and I just got back from a “once in a lifetime” trip (very shortly after moving in). We travel once a year with a group from AAA Mid-Atlantic; and this year’s trip was a cruise, including Hong Kong, Mainland China, Korea, and Japan. If you can get past the horribly long travel day to get there, it is a wonderful trip.

Hong Kong is a city unlike any other we’ve seen. There are more people in one apartment complex than in Queen Anne’s County! During the three days there, we did several of the “Top 10 Things to Do in Hong Kong,” including the tram ride to Victoria’s Peak and the overlook, the Stanley Market, Jade Market, and the Flower Market. We also took a sampan ride around Aberdeen Harbor to the Jumbo Floating Restaurant. What typical tourists we were! One of the highlights was a Taoist temple right in the city center that rarely allows tourists to visit. It had such a beautiful garden in a quiet, serene setting that we had to send a search party for Bob. It was easy to tune out the traffic on the other side of the boundaries. Then we boarded the ship for the rest of the journey.



Our next stop was Shanghai and the highlight was a ride on the Maglev train--431 kph (about 268 mph). On the straight-aways it was hard to tell that you were going that fast, but on the curves it was a different story. Once again the number of people housed in such a small area was incredible. Next stop included an inland tour of Beijing. We were definitely American tourists there. It was so amazing: the Forbidden City; Tian’anmen Square; The Ming Tombs; Temple of Heaven; and, of course, The Great Wall. We both climbed part of the Great Wall—Bob went a little further than I did. The part we went to was less crowded but not improved, so there were no handrails on very uneven,



slanted steps. A slight damper on this wonderful area is the pollution. Whatever you have read—it's far worse!

Still in China, we visited a family in a vibrant city we didn't know existed until this trip—Da'lian (China). While the outside of the buildings may look the worse for wear, the apartments inside are neat, tidy, and efficient. However, the apartments are tiny. Three people live in an area the size of our dining/family room. It made us very grateful for what we have.

The last stops were in Pusan, Korea, where Bob entertained several teenage boys on the subway; Nagasaki, Japan, where we visited the Peace Park; and Kobe, Japan, where we disembarked the ship and spent two days in nearby Kyoto (home of *Memoirs of a Geisha*).



We won't hurry back anytime soon, but we would like the opportunity to return to Japan, Hong Kong, and Korea (in that order) sometime in the future. And, yes, we do have hundreds of pictures. Go to the villagehoa.org/albums/ website to see a sample of them.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

- Clubhouse Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper's email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Warranty Office—301-261-0277 ext. 135, Katherine Zell
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext.211; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:gbachman@carusohomes.com)
- Recycling--410-778-5949



Who can I get to put in an awning? *See ads on pages 15 to 18!*



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Coleslaw

From the Kitchen of Brenda Stoltz

2 heads Cabbage - shredded

2 Carrots – shredded

1 cup Apples - diced

½ cup Cranraisins

½ cup Pecans

Sauce: 2 cups Mayonnaise

6 T. Vinegar

12 tsps. Sugar

3 tsps. Celery salt

Make sauce and add to remaining ingredients. Season to taste. Serves 10—12.

Note: This recipe can also be made more easily with two bags of prepared coleslaw mix.