

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.

PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

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SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The meetings are at 10 a.m. in the Grand Concert Hall at the Clubhouse on April 24, July 24, and October 23. The SV Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the **Easter Egg Hunt**. The children decorated bags, hunted for eggs, had a snack, and pictures were taken. A good time was had by all.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, April 17--Game Night**—7 p.m. Join the singles and play 2500 or bring your game of choice. You may also bring a snack to share.
- **Saturday, April 18—Happy Hour**—6 p.m. Hosts are needed. If you are interested, instructions for Happy Hour hosts are in the Activity Binder.
- **Wednesday, April 29—Lunch Bunch**—Town Dock Restaurant in St. Michaels. Meet at the Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Activity Binder.
- **Thursday, April 30—Ladies Night Happy Hour**—5:30 p.m.
- **Friday, May 1—Happy Hour**—6 p.m. Celebrate *Cinco De Mayo*. Bring your favorite Mexican appetizer or appetizer of your choice.
- **Thursday, May 7—Men's Happy Hour**. Gentlemen, join your friends and neighbors at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 13—Trip to Hillwood Museum**. The cost is \$33 for admission and lunch. Transportation cost to Georgetown, DC, is to be determined. Sign up in the Activity Binder.
- **Friday, May 15—Movie Night**. *The Secret Life of Bees* will be shown. It was postponed from April 24 due to a conflict.
- **Saturday, May 16—Community Garage Sale**—8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is \$5 to cover advertising the event. Sign up in the Activity Binder and note sale items you want listed in the newspaper.



- **Monday, May 25—Memorial Day Picnic**. Encore Court, New Harmony Way, Opera Court and Symphony Way will host the event. Details will be provided later.



Need a chiropractor? [See the ads at the end.](#)

OUTREACH UPDATE

Outreach News and Notes

The final touches are being put in place for the upcoming **House Tour and Luncheon** for **Saturday, April 25**. Friends and relatives are welcome and additional invitations can be had at the Clubhouse from Laura Wright or from Linda Blume 410-758-3194.

Remember to get your reservation in soon to ensure your preferred seating for lunch. The twenty-five dollar ticket includes the tour, luncheon and tickets for door prizes. There will be an herb sale at the luncheon and raffle tickets will also be available that day for purchase.

Raffle tickets will also be sold at Happy Hours in April for trees (and planting) by Bridgetown Nurseries and for a 50/50 payout. Your support enables Outreach to provide help to many local organizations, including Chesterwye Center, our primary recipient this year, to make life a bit easier for others.

House Tour Raffle

DON'T MISS OUT on an opportunity to win a fist full of dollars on our House Tour 50/50 Raffle. There will be two 1st prize winners. A second raffle offers two chances to win a 7-foot tree of your choice or ten 3-gallon shrubs or roses planted in your yard by BRIDGETOWN FARM NURSERY, the donor of the nursery stock. Imagine two chances to win this great prize! **YOUR CHOICE!!** Raffle tickets are available at the Clubhouse. Please fill out the raffle stubs and place in the raffle box with your check. **THANK YOU!!!**

Please Support Our Sponsors

Some great businesses and restaurants are sponsoring our House Tour by advertising in our brochure. Please use your House Tour Brochure as a reference guide for choosing businesses that provide a variety of excellent local services and food. These businesses have decided to partner with us; please consider using them in the future. Thank you!

Hospice of Queen Anne's Golf Tournament June 22



The Hospice of Queen Anne's County is holding the 12th annual golf tournament on Monday, June 22, at 8 a.m. at Prospect Bay Country Club. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome which includes green fees, cart, continental breakfast, and buffet lunch reception. The format is Captain's Choice (Scramble). Throughout the day, golfers will receive complimentary drinks, goody bags and door prizes. Tickets to the buffet lunch reception are available to non-golfers at a cost of \$25. per person.



Need garden flowers and vegetables? [See the ads.](#)

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Update from Committee to Improve Energy Efficiency in the SV Clubhouse



In February, the committee reported about changes being made in the Clubhouse to improve energy efficiency and reduce costs. These changes have been in place for over a month and we are pleased to report that the response from the community with helping us meet our goals has been tremendous. During our process, the committee generated a Home Energy Savings Checklist for the individual homeowner. You will find this list on our website under Affairs of State. Additional hard copies are available at the front desk.

Remember when you are dealing with electricity, be safe. Hire a qualified professional to do the work. Remember when you are walking through your Clubhouse, please turn off lights in rooms that are not being used. We all pay for the costs when electricity is left on.

Landscape Sub-Committee For Common Areas



Residents from the Landscape and Operations committees met with Lasting Impressions personnel recently to discuss best methods for dealing with common area turf issues. Limiting erosion on slopes and hillsides and swales was an important topic as we toured the perimeter of our community. We also viewed some of the swale areas behind homes and the two ponds. Some conclusions we drew were to mow some of the steeper hills on alternate weeks, and where the turf was thin, to mow as needed. This will slow erosion, especially in the summer when non-irrigated grass stops growing. It was agreed to raise the mowing height in some swales to four inches to help slow down rainwater. We also want to remove any common area plantings, mulch or vegetation that will inhibit the free flow near the drainage grates. Finally, the inside slopes of the two ponds along with some of the steeper slopes in the common area perimeter will not be mowed. This will allow natural vegetation to grow and will help hold back eroding soil until the pond retrofit planting takes place in the fall. Chris Combs, who will oversee the landscaping for Lasting Impressions and his associates, John and Ricardo, offered many practical solutions to the challenges presented in our common areas. We appreciated the time they allocated to learning about the common areas and answering our questions. We all look forward to further discussions as we continue to improve our great community. As always, residents' inputs are appreciated. Please use the Landscape Form which can be downloaded at the official website for your comments.

Cass Smith for the Landscape Sub-Committee

Rain Garden Update

The Rain Garden List is now being compiled by the Corsica River Conservancy. If you have not mailed your application, please send it off right away. Denis Radford, the landscaper hired for the rain garden installation, will be contacting residents who have applied beginning the last week of April. Happy spring!!



Need a pet sitter or a dog walker? [See the ads.](#)

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Symphony Village Bird Club

Members of the Bird Club attended the Eagle Festival at Blackwater NWR in mid-March. On the guided Eagle Prowl, we saw 11 bald eagles, large flocks of snow geese and tundra swans, a group of white pelicans (unusual in this area, but this is the third year they have wintered at Blackwater), great blue herons, a red-tailed hawk, tree swallows, and dunlins.



Inside the Visitor's Center, the "eagle cam" showed us two adorable fluffy chicks 10- and 12-days old. While we watched, a proud parent nipped off pieces of a fish and fed the babies. One of the chicks definitely got more than his/her fair share of this meal! The Eagle Prowl guide mentioned that on one day since the eggs hatched, you could clearly see a fish, a rabbit, and a duck on the edges of the nest – I wonder if eagle chicks prefer variety in their meals? The "osprey cam" showed an empty nesting platform since the ospreys had not yet returned to Blackwater, but four turkey vultures used the platform to perch on and to preen their feathers. Follow the eagles' and the ospreys' progress at www.fws.gov/blackwater.

In the program tents, we saw a gyrfalcon, a peregrine falcon, screech owls, a barred owl, a red-tailed hawk, and more. Despite the cloudy and chilly weather, we had a great time.

Delmarva Birding Weekend is **April 22-26**. There are many trips planned throughout Delmarva as part of the weekend – see www.delmarvabirdingweekend.org for a complete list. The Bird Club will go on a boat excursion titled "Bay Birds of the Kent Narrows" on April 23.

The Reading For Fun Book Club

The RFF book club met on March 17 to discuss the book, *The Night Blooming Cereus*, by Hal Wilson of Chester, MD. In fact, the author attended our meeting, explained how he came to write the book, and answered many questions. This was undoubtedly the most interesting meeting that we have had to date. We may never have another meeting with the author of our selected book present. On a scale of 1 to 5, the group rated the book 4.0.

For our April 21 meeting, June Silverman selected the book, *In the Country of Men*, by Hisham Natar. This book is written in the style of *The Kite Runner* and shows the plight of women in some foreign cultures. The group has not agreed on the book for our May

19 meeting. All residents are invited to join our club and enjoy the monthly refreshments, along with our lively discussions. Call Joan or Jack Hennessey for information. 410-758-4872.

The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club



The Gazebo Garden Group met on March 21 to discuss plans for the spring. Of the 20 beds in the Gazebo Garden, we now have sponsors for 17 of the beds. That means we need three more sponsors. All residents are welcome! Perhaps you can team up with a neighbor to sponsor a bed. We met again on April 5 and started to clean the beds. We would like to have them in good shape for Easter Sunday. Dennis is trying to get us a load of mulch to dress our beds. There is a budget of \$700 for the 2009 garden. We have purchased new flags, and the group has voted to spend about \$200 for a combination bench/tool box for the gazebo. This unit is made of the same material as the Gazebo--a perfect match! We are planning to have a memorial service on Memorial Day at the garden. Y'all come! The killdeer are once again nesting in the garden. The nest, containing four eggs, is located in bed S-5. Please do not disturb! The purple martins have arrived at the Gazebo martin house! We will keep you posted on martin arrivals at the other houses. Call Jack or Joan for information-410-758-4872.



Ready for ice cream? [See the ads.](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Surprise Mailbox!

Kay and Paul Blair often thought they got more than their share of lawn adornments—a fire hydrant, lamppost, and several utility boxes. They were assured, however, they were



lucky that they didn't get one of those gigantic mailboxes that service as many as 16 neighbors—and they hadn't, until now. Upon returning from their winter hiatus in Florida, Kay and Paul were surprised to see they now also had a mailbox. There is no doubt it was custom made for their lawn. Rumor has it that the anonymous (?) carpenter chuckled all the way to Encore on his mission to install the “Blair” mailbox.

Cycling to Find a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis



Washington College will host cycling and walking events on May 13 and 14 to raise funds to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis and to help those afflicted with this disease. Four riders from Symphony Village will take on the MS Chesapeake Challenge of riding 62.5-miles on Saturday and another 30-miles on Sunday to raise funds. Each rider needs to raise money and your SV riders want to raise \$10.00 every time their odometer turns over another mile on Saturday (total of \$625 each).

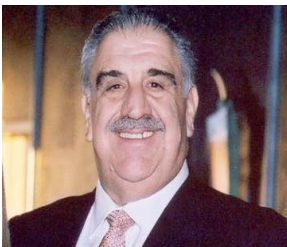
The rides are 30-, 62.5-, and 100-miles on Saturday and 30- and 50-miles on Sunday. We're looking for additional SV riders to take on the challenge of the rides or to sponsor us for the challenge. If you would like to ride with us or sponsor us (tax deductible), please contact us to help us reach our individual goals. Checks can be made out to MS Chestertown Challenge and given to Amy and Royce Holm (443-262-8059) or George and Mary Drake (410-758-8266). The Maryland MS Society thanks you!

Win Cruise from Caruso

How does 12 nights in the Caribbean sound? It could be you setting sail on January 11 out of Baltimore toward St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Antigua and St. Marten. The Symphony Village resident who refers the most valid referrals to the sales center by December 15, 2009, will be packing bags for a celebration at sea. Of course along the way to becoming the big winner, you will get to enjoy meals on us--the monthly winner gets a \$100 gift card to fine restaurants on the Shore. If you think the trip is out of your reach, we have had 26 referrals to date with a two-way tie for the cruise (each having two). The monthly winner for May will win a \$100 gift card to Mason's in Easton. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the sales center.



NJBA Names Robert H. Karen the 2009 Legend of Housing



The New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) announces that Robert H. "Bob" Karen has been named the 2009 Legend of Housing--the Association's highest honor and most prestigious designation. Established to recognize exceptional accomplishments and contributions to the home building industry, the Legends of Housing designation pays tribute to those whose dedication has resulted in substantial, measurable, and lasting impact on housing New Jersey families.

NJBA Past-President and Legends of Housing Committee Chair, Barry Solondz, says "Only those whose contributions are so significant and whose credentials warrant recognition in such a compelling manner receive the Legends designation. For his

considerable and measurable contributions to the home building industry in New Jersey, Bob Karen embodies those attributes which make him a true Legend of Housing."

Karen is a nationally-recognized expert in the field of active adult community development. His communities have received national acclaim and numerous, prestigious industry awards. Working for K. Hovnanian Inc., from 1993 until 2001, Karen lead the development of active adult communities and was responsible for the conceptualization and success of the company's Four Seasons brand.

On behalf of Caruso Homes and Symphony Village, we would like to thank Bob Karen for his involvement in our community and congratulate him on this award.

Hillwood Estate Tour

This is your last chance to sign up for the trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens on May 13.



Hillwood is the estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post and is a breathtaking estate with gorgeous spring gardens. The bonus for us is that an exhibition of Mrs. Post's fancy ball costumes from the 1920's is showing in May.

The trip includes admission, film, audio tour, lunch, tax, and gratuities. The price is \$33 per person plus the bus. The price of the bus is separate and will be determined when we have the final count, but should be about \$18 to \$20 per person.

Please bring your check for \$33 to Laura in the Clubhouse by April 22 and choose your entrée for lunch. We will collect bus money later. If you have any questions, call Linda Farrar 410-758-8744.



Need your taxes done. [See the ads.](#)

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Queen Anne's Chorale

The Queen Anne's Chorale will be presenting a concert entitled *April Fools* to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at The Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in

Wye Mills, MD. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at the door; however, children through high school are admitted free. All concert venues are handicapped accessible. For more information, call 410-827-0825 or visit www.qachorale.org

The River Plantation and Symphony Village



The River Plantation, consisting of Hunters Oak Golf Club, Pintail Point Sporting Center, and Pintail Yacht Charters continues an increasingly popular relationship with residents of Symphony Village. The unique partnership between these two distinctive properties allows Symphony Village residents and their guests to participate in the extensive list of activities including holiday functions, wine tastings, special events, and discount specials in the Dornoch Pub. Residents can discover these events and activities by visiting The River Plantation website at www.theriverplantation.com and by signing up for regular email Constant Contact newsletters.

According to Mark Andrews, Director of Sales and Marketing for the property, “The River Plantation offers a unique addition to the many amenities available to residents at Symphony Village. The golf course, sporting facilities, and variety of fishing and cruising activities including the popular Pintail Yachts dinner cruises offer an extensive list of lifestyle options unavailable in many other Active Adult Communities. We are proud of our relationship with the Symphony community and look forward to continued opportunities to provide both recreation and exceptional service to the residents.”

The extensive list of experiences available to Symphony Village residents include golf membership and clinics, sporting clays instruction and facilities, family reunions, overnight guest accommodations, and private party and meeting facilities. To find out more, please visit the new website at www.theriverplantation.com.

The Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland Reopens



The Staff of Fager's Island announces the reopening of the historic Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland. This 1895 landmark originally known as the Hotel Atlantic consists of seventeen preserved rooms, a honeymoon cottage, the Drummer's Cafe and restaurant, and the Atlantic ballroom which is suitable for special occasions and private dinners. The Victorian rooms, ladies parlor, and generous hallways have been completely restored. New bedding, top quality linens and flat screen televisions are a few of the upgrades included in the restoration. The Drummer's Cafe, kitchen and common areas have been brought back to a period of glory once enjoyed under the supervision of Charlie Smith, (retired managing partner of Ocean City's Fager's Island). There will be lunch and fine dining daily as well as catering for special events. There is a full service bar associated with the cafe. The general manager is Robin Kauffman and the chef d'cuisine is the locally popular Leo D' Aleo.

Built in 1895 by Horace F. Harmonson and his wife, Virginia Lingo Harmonson, the Hotel accommodated many traveling salesmen, "Drummers," who crisscrossed the region during the turn of the century. In the early days there was a livery stable in back of the Hotel. It was on this site that sales of mules and horses were held. The livestock would arrive in Berlin by rail and then be driven up through the town from the station to the Atlantic Stable. Mr. Harmonson had a horse-drawn bus ready to meet incoming trains. The bus would carry passengers directly to the Hotel. "Drummers" would check into the Hotel and immediately order up a horse and buggy from the stable to make their rounds. In addition to the "Drummers," the Hotel was frequented by those on their way to the ocean, those interested in hunting and fishing (guides were readily available), and those who simply delighted in good food. The Hotel was purchased in 1986 by ten local businessmen intent on preserving a piece of history. The careful restoration process has returned the Hotel to its former glory. The hotel is located at 2 North Main in the historic village of Berlin, Maryland. www.atlantichotel.com (410-641-3589).

6th Annual Pork in the Park

Pork in the Park will take place on **April 17-19** at Winterplace Park in Salisbury. Happenings include the Kansas City National BBQ Cook-Off, craft vendors, great entertainment, amusement rides, beer festival, and food vendors. Hours are Friday, 4 – 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. For details, go to www.porkinthepark.org.

Ghost Tours



Ghost Tours happen Friday and Saturday evenings beginning **April 17** and continuing until **October 3** in Annapolis. Tours begin at the Annapolis City Dock Information Booth. As the sun sets on the horizon and darkness fills the city, our colonial guide will lead you through the city telling tales of ghosts and spirits, many of which linger in the mist. Cost is \$16 adults, \$10 children (ages 3-11), and children 2 and under are free. For information, visit

www.watermarkjourney.com.

Chesapeake Home & Garden Spring Expo

This expo will take place on **April 18-19** at the Talbot County Community Center on Route 50 in Easton. Hours are Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Paddling the Pickering

Come out and enjoy spring while paddling on Pickering Creek on **April 18!** The whole family can enjoy the wildlife and fresh leaves that flourish this time of year. Bring sunscreen, water bottles, and your sense of adventure! The event takes place 10 a.m. – noon. The fee is \$10 members and \$25 non-members. Meet at the Main House at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Telephone 410-822-4903 for more information.

Bay Bridge Boat Show

The Boat Show will take place on **April 23-26** at the Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville. New and brokered boats, marine accessories, and services will be available. Hours are Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.usboats.com or telephone 410-268-8828.

St. Michael's Food and Wine Festival

The Festival will take place on **April 24-26** at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and at locations in downtown St. Michaels. Celebrity chefs, winemakers, restaurateurs, and exhibitors featuring demonstrations, tastings, seminars, book signings, and entertainment will abound. Hours are Friday, noon – 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost is \$45 Friday, \$65 Saturday, and \$45 Sunday. Details may be found at www.stmichaelsfoodandwinefestival.com.

39th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition and Art Festival



This event will take place on **April 24-26** at the Ocean City Convention Center. There will be wildfowl carving competitions, an auction, seminars, over 100 exhibitors, and vendors offering fine arts, crafts, and carving and art supplies. Hours are Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students, and children under 12 are free with an adult. A three day pass is \$18. For more information, go to www.wardmuseum.org.

Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage

During this event on **April 25**, historically and architecturally significant homes are open for touring in the Centreville area. “The Heritage,” the 900 acre family estate granted to Richard Tilghman in the 1660’s by Lord Baltimore, is included on the tour. Tickets are \$35 on the day of the event, or purchase them online in advance for \$30. The homes are open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For details, go to www.mhgp.org.

Wild Game and Wine Pairing

Wear your finest camouflage or outdoor gear on **April 25** and enjoy an evening of exotic foods and wines to benefit the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. The event will be held at Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville. For details, see www.bayrestoration.org or telephone 410-827-6694.

Soup ‘n Walk

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely hosts a monthly Soup ‘n Walk event. The next presentation will take place on **April 25**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The theme is “Catch the Ephemerals and Tree Blossoms” and will include a guided walk with a docent naturalist and a delicious lunch (hearty minestrone soup, brown rice with peas, red pepper, and ginger, spiced pumpkin bread, and baked pineapple). Pre-registration is required: call 410-634-2847, extension 0 to register. Fee is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Sense of Wonder Sunday Family Program



Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely presents a family-oriented program one Sunday a month through spring. April’s Sense of Wonder Sunday Program will be “WOW! Wetlands are Wonderful” on **April 26**, 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. After the spring thaw, the Arboretum’s wetlands will be crawling with critters. Participants will use nets and field microscopes to investigate what is stirring in the water, and they will explore why wetlands are so important.

Pack a lunch and dress for both indoor and outdoor activities. Pre-registration is required. Call 410-634-2847, extension 0, to register. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. For more information, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org.

2nd Annual Chestertown “Taste of the Town”

This event features signature dishes of 20 of Chestertown’s finest restaurants and caterers. It takes place on **April 26**, noon – 4 p.m., at Wilmer Park. \$10 advance passes are redeemed for \$12 in food tickets. Additional information is found at www.tasteofchestertown.com.

Historic Sites Open House

Historic Sites throughout Queen Anne’s County open their doors, allowing visitors to step back in time. Call or stop by the visitor’s center for a free copy of the Heritage Explorer’s Guide Map. The first open house of the season will be on **May 2**. See www.historicqac.org for more information.

Spring Native Plant Sale



Adkins Arboretum will have their spring plant sale on **May 6**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Native flowers provide food and habitat for wildlife and add color to home landscapes. More than 250 species of perennials, wildflowers, grasses, ferns, vines, shrubs, and trees that are native to Delmarva will be for sale. For details, visit

www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Springfest

Springfest occurs this year on **May 7-10** at the Ocean City Inlet Parking Lot. There will be live music, arts and crafts, food and beverages, vendors, nationally known entertainers, and more. Hours are Thursday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. All the details may be found at www.ococean.com.

Skyhoundz Daze



Queen Anne’s County Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Skyhoundz Daze on **May 9** (program #401002). Frisbee dogs, flying dogs, or disc dogs—it doesn’t matter how you refer to them—this is an event for those clever canine athletes. Hours are noon – 4 p.m., and the event is free. For additional information, visit www.parksnrec.org.

Groove City Jazz and Blues Festival

The Jazz and Blues Festival will take place **May 9** in downtown Cambridge at Race and Cedar Streets, 1 – 8 p.m. Top regional musicians headline this **free** outdoor festival featuring two stages and plentiful food and beverage vendors. For information, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

A Garden Affair

Learn about environmentally friendly gardening and landscaping practices on **May 16**. The event will feature rain garden tours, speakers, workshops, displays, a plant clinic, a plant sale, a raffle, and activities for children. Hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Activities will

take place at the Centreville Library, Wright's Chance, and Courtyard Square of Centreville. For more information, call 410-758-0166.

Pinocchio



The classic story comes to life with exuberance of song on **May 15**, 7 p.m., at the Chesapeake College Performing Arts Center. This is an award-winning presentation that has thrilled audiences throughout the U. S. and Canada. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 children. The presentation is sponsored by the Theatre for Young People Family Series/Chesapeake College. For details, go to www.chesapeake.edu.

Kent Island Day

Kent Island Day takes place on **May 16** and commemorates the founding of Kent Island in 1631. Displays, activities, and crafts are presented which demonstrate Kent Island's heritage. Hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event takes place in Historic Stevensville Downtown Center. For information, call 410-643-5358.

PERSONAL ADS

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SPECIAL REMINDERS

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- Dennis Sesplankis' email—dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Laura Wright's email—symphonyclub@verizon.net
- George Bachman—410-758-8775 ext.11; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:gbachman@carusohomes.com)
- Recycling--410-778-5949



Need a massage. See the ads.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



HOT CRAB DIP

From the kitchen of Nancy Cotter

1-pound crabmeat (added after following ingredients)

2 - 8 ounce containers cream cheese

1 cup sour cream

1 tsp. onion, grated

2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp. dry mustard

1 tsp. Bay Seasoning

4 T mayonnaise

1 ¼ cups shredded cheddar cheese

- Mix these ingredients together until well blended
- Add the 1 pound crabmeat with shells picked out
- Fold in gently so crabmeat is not too broken
- Put in a 2 quart casserole
- Top with an additional 1 ½ cup cheddar cheese
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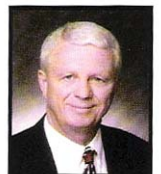
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