



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

Symphony Village welcomes Bob & Connie Ozinga, 129 Encore Court, who have moved to Symphony Village since our last publication.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

Lifestyle Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 17, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. Sign up in the Activities Book if you can host.
- Thursday, July 22, **Ladies' Happy Hour**, 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Wednesday, July 28, **Lunch Bunch**, 12:30 p.m. Centreville Sauté. Meet at the restaurant.
- Tuesday, August 3, **Lifestyles Meeting**, 7:15 p.m. Your input is welcome.
- Friday, August 6, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Saturday, August 7, **Jimmy Buffet Pool Party**, 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person, and the menu includes a chicken fajita station, cheeseburgers, build-your-own tacos/nachos, and desserts. In addition, water games are planned for this event. There will be a DJ and dancing. Please sign up in the Activities Book. The cutoff date to sign up is Monday, August 2. Please no late sign ups.
- Saturday, August 21, **Happy Hour**, 6 p.m. Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert.
- Thursday, August 26, **Ladies' Happy Hour**, 5:30 p.m. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.
- Monday, September 6, **Labor Day Picnic**. More information later.

Fourth of July Picnic



George Hughes and Larry Hodges were the second place winners.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Fourth of July Picnic regardless of the heat. The pulled pork barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings were great. Allen Beck, Teri Nudo, and the rest of the committee receive our thanks. The bocce tournament was again a hit. Again one of our local grandchildren comes out a winner. Dave Peterson and Zoie Wilson (Vicki and Dan Kober's granddaughter) came out on top.

Need an electrician? See [Motorhead Electric ad.](#)

OUTREACH UPDATE

Name Tag Update

A hearty thank you to all who participated in the name tag campaign. The order period officially closed on June 27 with 94 orders received. They are "in the works" with our logo work to be completed first. When we receive the finished products (4-6 weeks from now) we will set up a delivery schedule. Special thanks to Linda Blume for collating all the orders and names!

Artisan's Extravaganza Update

With over 20 Villagers interested in selling their wares, we are happy to ask you all to "save the date," October 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, for our first SVOPI artisans' sale. It will be about 8 weeks before the gift-giving holiday season and a perfect time to stock up on some unusual and interesting items made by your neighbors in SV. It will be held in the Concert Hall of the Clubhouse with a cake/bake sale and coffee bar in the Card Room. There is still room for anyone "on the fence." Small table (card table size) donation to SVOPI is \$10. Large table (5-6 ft) donation is \$20. (Yes, you can have more than one table.) If you have signed up, we need to know which table size you will need and whether or not you will bring your own table so we can plan. **Please contact event chair Linda Gardner at 410-758-0646, or email her at lrgdsg@yahoo.com, with table info or any questions.**



Neighbor to Neighbor



Please join with us in welcoming BJ McClaeB as our newest Street Captain. She will be caring for her neighbors on the 800 block of Harmony Way. BJ is replacing Linda Gardner who has resigned so that she can devote more time to other community commitments. Linda did an outstanding job helping to make sure that the folks on Harmony Way were well cared for in times of need; we're sure BJ will do the same. Eleanor Strietman

*Who can do my landscaping?
See [Solidago Landscapes](#) and [MVP Irrigation ads](#).*

PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Internet or Website Help

If you would like to have help with your email skills, accessing the website, downloading photos, etc., Bob Rose (443-262-8238) has offered to help. Several have benefited from this service.

New Welcome Chairman

Mary Drake has volunteered to be in charge of welcoming new residents.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Publications and Communications meeting on Wednesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads. Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.

Need prescription sunglasses? See ad for [Optical Galleria](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Queen Anne's County Historical Society



The Queen Anne's County Historical Society was founded in 1960. Its mission is to Collect, Preserve, Publish, and Disseminate Historical Facts. It maintains two historical houses in Centreville – Wright's Chance and Tucker House, both on Commerce Street. There is also a research library with genealogical information, land records, and will books (among other records) that is open to public use by appointment.

Wright's Chance was built circa 1744 and was moved to its present location from Hope, Maryland, approximately 6 miles away, in 1964. It is in good repair.

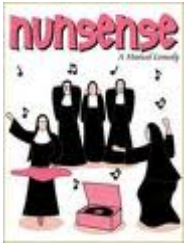
Tucker House, constructed circa 1794, was built on the second lot to be sold in Centreville. The north foundation wall is in desperate need of structural repairs. The bricks need to have new mortar applied and then be re-pointed. The siding can then be removed and realigned. It is imperative that Tucker House have these repairs done soon in order to keep it from further deterioration.

The Historical Society is funded by private donations, Society membership dues, special events held several times a year, and the Christmas House Tour. If you're interested in becoming a member or in supporting the Historical Society, please telephone Ellen

Norman (410-758-3047), Doris Pullman (410-758-1578), or the Society office (410-758-3010).

Tucker House and Wright's Chance are open the first Saturday of every month, April – October, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., free of charge. The next open house is August 7. Everyone is welcome to visit for a docent-led tour. Private tours (also free) will be conducted upon request - call the office (410-758-3010) or call Ellen Norman (410-758-3047).

Trip to See “Nunsense”



A trip has been planned to travel to Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia on **August 29** to have Sunday Brunch and to see “Nunsense.” The cost is \$39.40 per person if we have 24 people sign up. The deadline to sign up in the Activities Book is **Thursday, July 29**. Please write a check for the full amount made out to SV@Centreville HOA or simply SVHOA and give it to Laura. You may also place the check in the black box on the counter. We will carpool from the Clubhouse parking lot at 9:15 a.m.

Point of contact is Doris Pullman (410-758-1578).

Sick or Injured Wildlife

If you find sick or injured wildlife, you may call Wildlife Services, a part of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (1-877-463-6497), for advice on how to proceed.

Sheriff Hofmann to Present at CERT Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 22, at 7 p.m.** in the Clubhouse Concert Hall.



Queen Anne's County Sheriff Gary Hofmann will make a presentation regarding the structure, staffing, capabilities, equipment, and training within the Sheriff's department. There will be a period for questions and answers. Following the indoor presentation, a K-9 handler will demonstrate the use of trained dogs to capture an attacker and sniff out drugs. This demo will be in the field across from the Clubhouse. All SVers are invited – don't miss this presentation and demo.

Also mark your calendar for **Thursday, August 19, at 7 p.m.** Ms. Joyce Levy, Program Supervisor for the Communicable Disease Program for QAC, will speak to our CERT group about Lyme disease and rabies. The entire SV community is encouraged to hear this timely presentation.

Outside Water Shutoff



Earlier this year, one of the residents awoke to find water covering his floor, apparently coming from a ruptured pipe between the inside water shutoff and the outside shutoff. Valuable time shutting off your water at the curbside shutoff can be lost if the outside water shutoff cover looks like this picture or worse. The grass that has grown over the cover needs to be cleared away.

The covers are found in the grass between the sidewalk and the road. Each cover normally has two silver looking circles. This means that the water shutoff valves for you and for your neighbor are inside. Now is the time to clean away the overgrown grass so the cover could be removed to access the shutoff valve. Once you have cleared the grass away, at the very least, put some lubricant on the 5-sided nut that needs to be turned to remove the cover. The nut can be turned using a large pair of vise grips. – Dave Peterson, CERT.

*Need shelves, chair rail, or any custom carpentry?
See the ad for [Rob's Custom Carpentry](#).*

Humor in Symphony Village

Bird Problems

From Joan Hennessey: Many Villagers have experienced problems with “pesky” English sparrows. They built nests behind our shutters and made a big mess on our car, driveway, walk, and windows. We tried to hose them out, block them out, and poke them out; finally, we took down the shutters and thought we had solved the problem. Then we left our car at a friend’s home in Pennsylvania while we cruised to Bermuda. On our return, we opened the hood to check the engine and found a nest with four eggs in it! I picture a puzzled mother bird saying to herself, “Now where is that nest? It was here a minute ago.”



The story has one more chapter. A few days later, as Jack headed for the library, he saw lots of black smoke coming from under the hood of the car. Fearing an engine meltdown, he ran into the library, grabbed a fire extinguisher, and lifted the hood—to find the smoldering remains of yet another nest. We fear we’re losing our battle with the birds. [Joan assures us that “Nothing with feathers died. But hard boiled eggs—maybe.”]

A Senior Moment



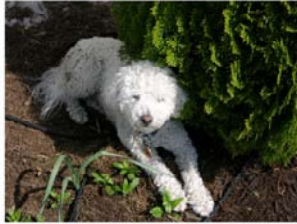
A resident began taking a new medication that would probably make her drowsy for the first few days. So one mid-afternoon when she was very sleepy, she decided a nap was in order. She spread an afghan over the bedspread, put the keys from her pocket on the bedside table, fluffed the pillows, and lay down, instantly falling asleep. A while later, the phone rang, she read the Caller ID on the bedside phone and answered it because it was a friend. At the end of the conversation, she put the phone back on the cradle and suddenly wrinkled her brow – how could she have read the Caller ID without her glasses? The answer, of course, was soon obvious – she had gone to sleep with her glasses still on.

Need pet care? See the ads for [Dandyland Pet Care Center](#) or [Happy Tails Petsitting](#).

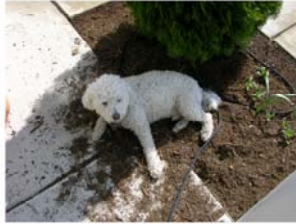
Pet Humor (pictures of Roberta and Nazir's dog, Harry)



Harry, what are you doing



Harry, what did you do?



Naughty boy!



I'm sorry mommy.

More Pet Humor

If you thought you saw two residents driving aimlessly around the Village late one night during a torrential downpour with the requisite lightning and thunder, your eyes weren't fooling you. They were dog-sitting a very anxiety-ridden Jack Russell for nine days. Storms were forecasted many of those days and one night in particular it all came to pass. Although she was much medicated in anticipation of the storm, Mighty Aphrodite came totally unglued and the car ride was the only way to calm her. Such a déjà vu! Didn't we do this with our colicky children 40 years ago?

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

A group of Villagers has been helping our less fortunate neighbors by providing food through The Pantry at Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Peter's Parish. The Pantry is open every second and fourth Thursday of each month for the residents of middle Queen Anne's County and serves about 30 families. It is managed by Ross and Trisha



Camardella and is manned by Lois Labs, Lauren Rose, Sue Peterson, Harriet and Ray Goodmuth, Marlene Tennier, Dorothy Hamm (all from Symphony Village), and many others from the parish. Food and funds are donated by the parishioners, other churches, and various organizations. Thanksgiving Food Baskets (108), Christmas Food Boxes with gifts (140), and Easter Food Baskets (40) are prepared during those holidays.

The church will also accept and pick up donations of household goods in good condition, including appliances. (A receipt will be provided.) Another important aspect of their ministry is providing financial aid for those who need emergency shelter, and assistance to prevent an eviction, or electricity shutoff. Jack Dedrick answers the Outreach Ministry hot-line and Jay Ferber makes payments, limited by the amount of monetary donations made to the program. The requests for food and financial assistance always exceed our resources. All the Villagers who participate in making this possible are too numerous to mention, although each and every one is vital to the ministry. Assisting our most unfortunate neighbors can be very challenging, but the reward of knowing that you have done your part is very satisfying.

Note: A Dinner Dance and Auction will be held October 16 at Corbaley Hall to help raise funds for this Outreach program. If you would like to help this project by volunteering or with donations, please call Jack Dedrick (410-758-1252), Ross Camardella (443-262-8253), Lois Labs (443-262-8134), or Dorothy Hamm (410-758-3803).

CLUBS AND CLASSES

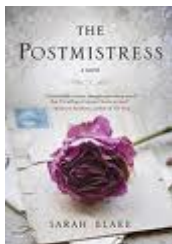
The “Gazebo Gang” Symphony Village Garden Club



This has been a particularly busy month for the gardeners. Although we do not seem to be able to find a convenient time for all gardeners to meet, the 20 individual plot caretakers have, at their own convenience, taken care of deadheading and weeding in time for the Fourth of July picnic. Many residents have commented on the beauty of the flowers. There are now more than 60 varieties of flowers in the 20 beds, in addition to 10 types of herbs. Residents are invited to pick herbs to enhance their recipes. Joan Hennessey and Carol Hodges are available to advise you on the use of herbs. The second brood of purple martins has hatched. It has been interesting to watch the babies trying their wings on short flights from the martin house. Next spring, when the martins return, there should be enough birds to populate the other two martin houses in the Village. Unfortunately, another killdeer nest has been ravaged before the eggs hatched. This may have been the work of the local red fox, or perhaps the crows who have been known to eat the eggs.

Our veggie gardeners, who now number 10, have been harvesting zucchini and squash, and distributing them at the Clubhouse. Some zucchini are as big as baseball bats, but they can be sliced through to make zucchini parmesan (similar to eggplant parmesan). Our tomatoes are beginning to ripen, and the 50-plus tomato plants in the veggie garden should be able to supply the needs of the entire Village. (Talk to your local veggie gardener.) Our host farmer has harvested his wheat and planted soybeans. These will probably be followed by winter wheat, then corn in the spring. After much trial and error, we think we have solved our watering problem. Late in July, we will have a guided tour of the garden. Through our experienced dumpster-diving, we have acquired two chairs so visitors can sit under the pine tree and watch the veggies grow. You may even be lucky enough to see the Baltimore oriole that frequents the garden!

Reading For Fun Book Club



The Book Club met at the Clubhouse on June 15 to discuss the book *A Reliable Wife*, written by Robert Goolrick, and recommended by Mary Jo Keefe. The story is based on an advertisement by a wealthy Wisconsin widower for “A Reliable Wife.” A beautiful young woman answers the ad, with the intention of marrying the widower, then poisoning him and inheriting his fortune. A wild, sex filled adventure evolves. Read it for the exciting conclusion! Columbia Pictures has secured the film rights for this first novel by Goolrick. Mary Jo missed the meeting due to work commitments, but had her husband Vinnie deliver chocolate fudge and a devil’s food cake to the delight of the club members. The book received a rating of 7.1, on a scale of 1 to 10.

Lee Ettman has recommended *The Postmistress*, by Sarah Blake, for our July 20 meeting. All residents are invited to attend the July meeting. Let Joan or Jack Hennessey (410-758-4872) know if you plan to attend so we can be sure to provide adequate refreshments.

Sign Language Class



Starting September 13 there will be a sign language class offered at the Clubhouse on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. What a great way to keep our minds young. It will also enable us to communicate with the instructors, Phyllis & Dan Krpata, who are residents. Please sign up in the Activities Book. Try to sign up by the middle of August so books can be ordered.

TRAVEL

Colorado Springs, Our Return Visit

By Karin Larsen

Colorado Springs, a beautiful city perched at 6,010 feet above sea level, is at the foot of the Rocky Mountains and adjacent to the eastern “Front Range” of the Rockies. “Front Range” is a colloquial geographic term for the most populous region of the state of Colorado and for the area located just east of the foothills of the Front Range, aligned in a north-south configuration on the western edge of the great Plains, where they meet the Rockies. Colorado Springs is one of the cities included in this region. Geographically, the region lies mostly within the Colorado Piedmont, in the valley of the South Platte and Arkansas rivers on the east side of the Rockies.



The visual beauty of the clear skies and majestic mountains merge with the impressive Garden of the Gods and the natural backdrop of Pikes Peak to inspire critics to rank Colorado Springs tops, No. 1 in [CNN Money.com](#)'s “[Best Places to Live](#)” for cities with a population greater than 300,000. The Springs also got ranked “[The Fittest City in the Nation](#)” and was ranked as “[The Most Heart-Healthy State](#)” by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. These were just a few of the 2007-2010 accolades awarded to the city of Colorado Springs.

This was our third visit to Colorado Springs. We were in for some great weather the week we were visiting. Sunny about 300 days a year, Colorado Springs has four genuine seasons and very little rain per year. The snow can bring contrasts of warm or chilly and sunny or snowy. Of course they don't have the Chesapeake Bay or an Ocean City there, but we saw lots of ponds, creeks, rivers, and swimming pools.

We stayed at a beautiful resort-- the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. If you have a moment, look it up on the internet. It is perched high above a golf course and, you guessed it, Cheyenne Mountain. Did you know that Colorado Springs has wonderful attractions? We have been to most, not all of them, and recommend going to

see the Broadmoor, Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Manitou Springs, Seven Falls, the U.S. Olympic Training Center, and Cave of the Winds. Known for the best skiing, biking, fishing, hunting, and white water rafting, I have only experienced the hiking, which was filled with gorgeous vistas.

Consider coming to Colorado Springs and seeing the historical part of the city. I would also recommend a two- hour trip to Boulder, Colorado so that you can take a tour at of the Celestial Tea Factory. It is worth the miles! This factory, at the original site where four friends picked tea in the fields, still produces teas for around the world! You can sample new teas or your favorites in the tea shop.

Once again, Colorado Springs did not disappoint us, and I must mention to the animal lovers in SV that, Colorado Springs was ranked 1st by Forbes.com as “America’s Most Pet Friendly City” and ranked the “#1 City for Dogs!” How impressive - **animals, dogs, and people**, what *more* can you ask?

RESTAURANT REVIEW

By Karin Larsen

[The Soda Fountain at Hills](#)



About 5 months ago, after a doctor’s appointment in Easton, I stopped to get some lunch and explore the stores around east Dover Street. There was a sign outside Hills Drugstore telling me about a lunch special inside. Inside where? In the rear of this small longtime family-owned pharmacy is a jewel of a restaurant. I had a flashback of walking into a drugstore in the Fairfax Village, up Pennsylvania Avenue from Capitol Hill in Southeast Washington, D. C. when I was a little girl and ordering an ice cream soda.

Inside Hills, I sat at one of the 7 stools lined up in front of displayed pies, cakes, and cinnamon rolls and an ice-cream case. The dining room is mint green, has a lot of light, and can seat 28 people with about 9 tables. Although a lady at the neighboring stool ordered a juicy looking fountain burger, I decided on the Reuben sandwich. You have to try it! The corned beef was delicious and just \$6.50. The thick and creamy vanilla malted milkshake was better than I remembered!

The little restaurant has a “big deal” chef! I learned that the chef, Stephen Mangasarian, who has been praised for his high-end cooking at the late Restaurant Columbia in Easton, took over the soda fountain—which has been around since 1928. Chef Stephen bakes his breads and makes his specials delectable with his homemade briskets, lasagna, chicken dishes, onion rings, and potatoes made many ways. Included, of course, are delectable shakes, sodas, homemade desserts, and all kinds of sandwiches. The service was friendly, the prices reasonable, and the food was delicious! So, if you’re looking for some nostalgia in your life, dine at [The Soda Fountain at Hills](#), 30 East Dover Street, Easton, Maryland (410-822-9751). The hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Harry's Restaurant Moving to Denton

Harry's at the Goldsborough House, reviewed in the May 2010 *Libretto*, is bouncing 7 miles down the road to Denton, Maryland, next to the Denton Library. Chef Jeri says this move will take place in about 3 to 4 months. Her husband, Harry, acquired an 1879 historic building where he wants to relocate his current Harry's. The new restaurant will be called Harry's on the Green with the same great chef, food, and staff. The Harry's at the Goldsborough House will be open throughout the next 3 or so months for dining.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What does President Harry S. Truman order to be developed in response to the Soviets' first atomic bomb?
2. Founded in 1950, which is the world's first independent credit card company?
3. Which 1959 film stars Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy?

Need help hanging the TV on your wall? See ad for [Chesapeake Home Theater and HiFi](#).

LOCAL EVENTS

By Linda Blume

Centreville Alive!

Centreville will host an evening of family fun and music on **July 16**. The Block Party on Water Street will be held 6 – 9 p.m. The band Flashback will play, and there will be an historic display of Centreville fire companies. Wright's Chance and Tucker House will also be open, 5 – 7 p.m. There is no admission charge to the historic homes or to the Block Party.

Tuckahoe Tractor Pull



This modified tractor pull event will take place on **July 16**, 7 – 11 p.m., at the Tuckahoe Showgrounds in Easton. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 6-12, and children under 6 are not charged admission. For more information, go to

www.tuckahoesteam.org.

Watercolor Class

The Kurt Plinke Watercolor Class will take place on **July 17** at 11 a.m. at the Greensborough Trading Company (105 South Main Street) in Greensboro (Caroline County). Students will be painting a skipjack on the Chesapeake. The fee is \$45 per person. Paper can be supplied at an additional nominal fee. For more information, call 410-482-2200.

6th Annual "Plein Air Easton!" Competition and Arts Festival

This year's event will take place on **July 19-25** at locations throughout Easton and Talbot County. See www.pleinaireaston.com for all the details.

Wye Operetta Workshop to Perform *Iolanthe* in Easton

Free performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*: **Friday, July 23** and **Saturday, July 24** at 7:30 p.m. and **Sunday, July 25** at 4 p.m. at the Avalon Theater in Easton, Maryland. Young and talented performers include Murkins' grandchildren, Mikayla and Matthew.

Craft and Vendor Show

This show will take place on **July 24-25** at the Talbot County Community Center (10028 Ocean Gateway) in Easton. Crafters and vendors will offer their wares. Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. For more information, go to www.tourtalbot.org.

“Documents, Maps, and Photographs” Exhibit

The QAC Historical Society will present an exhibit of historical Documents, Maps, and Photographs on **July 24**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Wright's Chance in downtown Centreville. Admission to the exhibit is \$3.

Tour of Queen Anne's County Farms

There will be a self-guided tour of 19 farms throughout Queen Anne's County on **July 24-25**, noon – 4 p.m., free of charge. You are welcome to tour the farms and to sample and purchase some of their products. The tour includes produce farms, garden and plant nurseries, wineries, and more. For a map and brochure of the participating locations, go to www.choosequeenannes.com and click on “Buy Fresh/Buy Local.”

Seining and Wading for Families

Pickering Creek will host this event on **July 25**, 1 – 3 p.m. Adults and young adults will get to wear chest waders into Pickering Creek and use provided seine nets to catch small fish, jellies, and crustaceans to show our young audience up close. Children are invited to wear water shoes and get their feet wet exploring the edge of the sandy creek. The cost is \$5 for adults, and children are not charged a fee. Meet at the main office. For more information, go to www.pickeringcreek.org.

60th Annual Kent Island Fireman's Carnival

The Carnival this year will take place **July 25–31**, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. daily, at Kent Island High School in Stevensville. The event helps to raise funds for the Volunteer Fire Department equipment and maintenance. Included are a Fireman's Parade, games, food, special ride nights, fireworks, and fun for the whole family.

Cruise on the Choptank

Cruise down the Choptank River on the Kobayashi Maru on **July 25**. The cruise starts in Greensboro and goes to Denton Park where you will disembark for a drink and snack, then back to Greensboro. The price is \$35 per person. The morning cruise departs Greensboro 10 a.m. and returns 1 p.m.; the afternoon cruise departs 1:30 p.m. and returns by 4:30 p.m.; and the evening cruise departs 5 p.m. and returns by 8 p.m. Call 410-482-6550 to reserve your cruise time. Minimum 4 people – maximum is 6. This event is

sponsored by the Riverside Country Inn (204 North Main Street, Greensboro, Caroline County).

Chestertown Crazy Days

This is not just your average sidewalk sale on **July 29-31**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., in the downtown Chestertown historic district. Just once a year, specialty shops display bargains on the red brick sidewalks.

Office of the Sheriff Tour



The Centreville Office of the Sheriff will be open on **July 30**, 3 – 8 p.m., for the community to tour the facility, to meet the staff, and to enjoy a traffic safety display and a K9 demo. The K9 demo will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Sex Offender Community Awareness Class at 7 p.m. For information, call 410-758-0770.

Adults Only Adventure

Kids get to enjoy Tuckahoe's ropes course – so why not adults? Join park staff on **July 30** at 6 p.m. for an evening of fun on the Challenge Course's high elements: 40-foot rock wall, 50-foot giant swing, 25-foot pamper pole and zip line. Push your limits, leap for a trapeze, feel the adrenaline, enjoy the wind in your hair! Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$20 per person. For more information, go to www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/tuckahoe.html.

3rd Annual Chesapeake Folk Festival

This annual festival will take place on **July 31**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. Come celebrate the Bay's people, food, music, work, and traditions. The event is free to CBMM members (boat rides and food are an additional cost) and \$15 per person for non-members. For more information, go to www.cbmm.org.

T-Shirt Quilt

Join Janet Pfeffer on **July 31**, 10 a.m. – noon, at Adkins Arboretum and learn to transform a T-shirt collection into an heirloom quilt. Participants will prepare the T-shirts, create layouts, and ready the project for finishing at home. See the website for what supplies to bring with you. The cost is \$25 Adkins members and \$30 general public. Pre-register by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to the website www.adkinsarboretum.org.

National Night Out



National Night Out will be celebrated in Centreville on **August 3**, 6 – 8 p.m., and will be a free family-fun event with games, activities, educational information, and giveaways. The event is sponsored by the Centreville Police Department. For information, call 410-758-8437.

St. Joseph's Jousting Tournament and Horse Show

St. Joseph's Church in Cordova (Talbot County) will host this event on **August 4**. The horse show begins at 9 a.m.; dinner begins at 11:30 a.m. (barbecue chicken and country ham, buffet style); and jousting begins at 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-822-6915.

Caroline-Dorchester County Fair

This County Fair will be held **August 4-8** at the Caroline 4-H Park (8230 Detour Road) in Denton. For all the details, go to www.caroline-dorchestercountyfair.org.

Native Plants in Vases



Join longtime Adkins Arboretum docent and Holiday Greens workshop teacher Nancy Beatty on **August 5**, 1 – 3 p.m., as she demonstrates three styles of flower arranging using native plants. The cost is \$10 Adkins members and \$15 general public. Pre-register by calling 410-634-2847, extension 0, or by going to the website www.adkinsarboretum.org.

Betterton Appreciation Day

Celebrate alongside the sandy and only nettle-free beach on the Chesapeake Bay, Betterton Beach, on **August 7**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Enjoy a traditional parade, swimming, baby contests, food, craft vendors, music, and the famous “Cow Plop Bingo” held in the town park. For more information, go to www.chestertown.com.

Thunder on the Narrows

Once again the Kent Island Yacht Club grounds will host this year's Thunder on the Narrows on **August 7-8**. The grounds open at 10 a.m. and racing begins at noon on both days. Admission is \$7 for adults and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. For more information, go to www.kentnarrowsracing.com.

Pollinator Trail Walk

Pickering Creek will host this event on **August 8**, 10 a.m. – noon, at the Pickering Creek Learning Center. Learn about herbs and native plants that attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. You'll explore the different ways you can provide shelter for native bees. The cost is \$5 for adults, and children are not charged a fee. For more information, go to www.pickeringcreek.org.

Queen Anne's County Fair

This year's Fair will take place **August 9-14** at the 4-H Park in Centreville. Hours are Monday 4 – 10 p.m.; Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Admission is \$2 Monday through Friday, \$3 on Saturday, and children under 12 are admitted free each day. For a complete schedule of events, go to www.queenannescfair.com.

Pirates & Wenches Fantasy Weekend



Avast me hearties! Buccaneers and landlubbers of all ages - Come by land or come by sea to Rock Hall for a town-wide waterfront theme party you won't forget on **August 14-15!** Decorated dinghy flotilla, Caribbean beach

party, live entertainment, pirate ship cruises, treasure hunts, costume contests, and much more fun for the whole family will be had. Costumes are encouraged. The event takes place all day, both days. For more information, visit www.rockhallpirates.com.

Watermen's Appreciation Day

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels will host a Watermen's Appreciation Day on **August 15**, 1 – 5 p.m. Chesapeake Watermen will celebrate their heritage and participate in demonstrations and exhibits. There will be live music during the day, as well as a crab feast (tickets \$15 each). Admission is free to CBMM members. Otherwise, admission is \$10 adults, \$6 children ages 6-17, and children 5 and under are admitted free of charge. For more details, visit www.cbmm.org.

Rally for the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness



A "Rally for the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness" fundraising event will be held on **September 20**, at Prospect Bay Country Club for Mah Jongg game players (\$50) and lady golfers (\$70). Each entry fee includes a \$20 donation to Rally for the Cure, light breakfast and lunch, a one-year magazine subscription, a Rally visor, a Rally signature pink ribbon pin, chances to win prizes and more. Details and registration forms are at the SV Clubhouse--Sign up deadline is no later than September 4. For additional info contact Cindy Bogner (cindy_bogner@msn.com or 703-655-6505).

Continuing Activities:

Creepy Crawlers I and II for children ages 1-5; monthly; www.bayrestoration.org;

Guided Nature Walks; Saturdays; www.adkinsarboretum.org;

QAC Historic Sites Open House; August 7; first Saturday of the month; www.historicqac.org;

Thursdays in the Park; July 22; Chester; www.discoverqueenannes.com;

Thursdays in the Park, August 5; Centreville; www.discoverqueenannes.com;

Kayak Trips, July 15, July 22, July 25, August 8; www.carolinerecreation.org;

First Sunday Arts Festival; first Sunday of the month; www.goweststreet.com; and

Museum of Eastern Shore Life; first Saturday of the month; 1 – 4 p.m.

Activities Outside the Four-County Area:

34th Annual J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake: July 21:

www.crisfieldchamber.com/events.htm;

100th Annual Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta: July 22-25: www.cpbra.com;

85th Annual Chincoteague Island Pony Swim and Auction: July 28-29:

www.chincoteaguechamber.com/pony-events/ev-pony.html;

Annie Oakley Wild West Festival: August 7-8: www.annieoakleyfestival.com;

31st Annual Seafood Feast-I-Val: August 14: www.seafoodfestival.com.

Repainting? See ads for [The Painting Specialist](#) or [Handy Dan Services](#).

RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Chicken and Vegetable Medley

1 lb of chicken legs
half head of cabbage
4 sliced spring onions
3 carrots, sliced
olive oil
1 cup water

20 oz. package egg noodles
20 oz. package spinach noodles
salt and pepper to taste
a little celery salt
red pepper to taste

- ✓ Pan fry the chicken legs in light olive oil over medium heat. After turning and cooking the chicken legs thoroughly, set them aside.
- ✓ Add sliced carrots and onions to the liquids in the pan.
- ✓ Shred the cabbage and add to the pan along with a cup of warm water.
- ✓ Partially cook both kinds of noodles and add to mixture. Let simmer 15-20 minutes.
- ✓ Add the cooked chicken legs and let simmer an additional 5 minutes.

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- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Laura Wright's email—symphonyclub@verizon.net
- Caruso Warranty Office—301-261-0277 ext. 211
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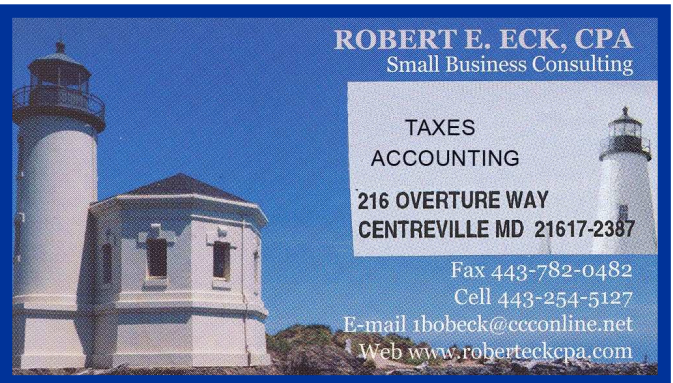
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