



Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

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316 Overture Way*

*Ed and Ada Ruark
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*Allan and Mabel Strojny
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*JoAnn Y. Nelson
114 Harmony Way*

MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

A few words about the budget process—soon the various committees will start putting together their recommendations for what their needs are and what they would like to have done next year. By the end of August, they should be submitting their requests to management. Landscaping and irrigation contracts account for 35% of this year's budget; both expire this year. Thus, next year we will have new contracts for both. The Operations Committee will work with management to secure bids and then pass recommendations on to the Board for approval. Management will consolidate these requests along with the fixed expenses (such as salaries, electricity, gas, etc.) and pass them on to the Budget and Finance Committee for their review before forwarding to the Board. The Board will then release the draft budget to the community for comments before it is voted on by the Board at the December annual meeting.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS – *Ellen Norman, Chair*

The Board of Directors of Symphony Village has approved the Architectural Guidelines for Solar Panels (Appendix H). There is also a new Modification Request Form that is to be used **ONLY** for solar panels. A copy of these documents is on the Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse and on the SV Website. This new solar panel request form is to be used starting June 9. If you turn in the wrong form with your solar panel information, you will be asked to fill out the correct form prior to the next committee meeting. It is important that all residents interested in getting solar panels read these documents. (Continued on page 3)

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Because the Covenants Committee has received a larger than usual number of Modification Requests, we have instituted a new procedure. In the future, all requests must be turned into the office by the end of the business day on the Thursday preceding the committee meeting. This procedure gives us time to adequately review your request before presenting it to the committee. Thursday, July 10, is the deadline for next month's meeting. Any requests received after that date will be presented at the August meeting.

Just a reminder about the garden in the front of your home: No statues or decorative items may exceed four feet (48 inches) in height. The number of items you display in this area may not exceed six (6).

Thanks to those of you who are painting your shutters and front door. It really improves the appearance of the neighborhood. For those of you who wish to paint, the Symphony Village colors are at the Ace Hardware store. If you are having trouble determining which color is yours, call or email me and I'll do my best to help you.

LIFESTYLE – Donna Donaldson, Chair; Carolyn Harty, Vice Chair

The production of **Romeo and Juliet** on June 5 by the **Shore Shakespeare Theatre Troupe** was a huge success and ended with a standing ovation! The play was attended and enjoyed by almost 100 residents who brought snacks, beverages, and lawn chairs. The weather was perfect, if a little chilly, as we watched under the stars. The stage and sets were removed, and the next day there wasn't a clue that they had been there! (See picture and article on page 13.)

Sign up ASAP for the **Fourth of July Picnic**, which will be held (wait for it!) on Friday, July 4, from 12:30 p.m. until... This is also the first Friday in July which means the picnic is combined with Happy Hour.

Lifestyle is also working on the **Jimmy Buffet Picnic** in August, as well as a **fall trip to Atlantic City**. We would like to plan more events making use of our beautiful outdoor venues, perhaps for music presentations such as a folk music group or a country music band, dancing under the stars, or bringing in a comedian to entertain us by the pool, or on the patio with seating in the pavilion. Help in locating local entertainers that might be interested in coming to The Village would be appreciated!

Meanwhile, here's what's scheduled and coming up:

- **Happy Hour** – Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m. – Bring an appetizer or dessert. We are still seeking hosts with themes for upcoming dates.
- **Ladies' Happy Hour** – Thursday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. – We have some special men who will be grilling up chicken, shrimp, and veggie kabobs!! Bring \$5 for dinner and a \$1 for the drink *du jour*. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- **Happy Hour** – Friday, July 4, 6 p.m. (Combined with the July 4th Picnic)
- **Lifestyle Committee Meeting** – Monday, July 7, 7 p.m. **All are welcome to attend.**
- **Lunch Bunch** – Thursday, July 10, 12:30 p.m. – Meet at the *Lemon Leaf Cafe* in Chestertown. The *Lemon Leaf Cafe* is now located on 337 High Street. If you need a ride, please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **Trivial Pursuit** – Escape the summer heat and humidity on Sunday, July 27, with family-friendly Trivial Pursuit in the Concert Hall from 2 - 4 (or more!) p.m.

- **9/11 Museum NY Trip** – Thursday, October 2, \$100 per person includes bus transportation, all taxes and driver tip, bagel breakfast, and admission to the Museum. Depart from the Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m., make one turnpike rest stop, and arrive in NY at 11:15 a.m. Time in the Museum is from noon to 3 p.m. Dinner is on your own in Little Italy with a return to home at approximately 9:30 p.m. You must be signed up and paid by August 1. This trip is sure to book up quickly with space limited to 56 people – so HURRY.
- **Radio City Christmas Spectacular** – Friday, December 12, \$150 per person. Cost includes bagel breakfast, orchestra seating, bus transportation, and all taxes and driver tip. Dinner is on your own. Departure time: 7:15 a.m. from the Clubhouse, returning at 9:15 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book. Must be signed up and paid no later than August 15.




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OUTREACH – *Carlene Cooke, President*

No Artisans' Fair This Year

Outreach has decided to skip the 2014 Artisans' Fair and hold our next Fair in September 2015, once again in our Clubhouse. We plan to expand the format and hope to attract additional vendors. If you have been a vendor in the past, we hope that you participate again next year. If you have not yet been a vendor, please consider joining us. (You have plenty of time to build up your inventory.) If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Quigley, 410-758-6775, or Linda Gardner, 410-758-0646.

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- 2. Training differs from state to state.** Sedation dentistry certification requirements and regulations vary from state to state. In Maryland the State Board of Dental Examiners requires a dentist to perform 24 hours of instructive classroom training with 20 clinical patient experiences and obtain a Class 1 permit. Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification or board-approved airway management training is also required. In Delaware clinical course training is required, but not life support certification.
- 3. Experience matters.** Find out how long the dentist has been providing sedation dentistry and if he or she pursues continuing education to keep his/her skills up to date.



- 4. Customizable treatment is available.** Laughing gas or nitrous oxide was the most commonly used sedation technique in dentistry. Now a whole set of choices are available under the sub-category of dentistry now known as sedation or sleep dentistry. In some cases a dentist may combine a couple different types of treatments to customize best results for a patient.
- 5. You can test drive the practice with a free consultation.** Scheduling a free consultation may be the first step toward making your first dental appointment. The consultation is a great opportunity for you to check out the office setting as well as the dentists in a no pressure atmosphere.

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PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS – Carol Hodges, Chair

SV Website – More Exploration

As mentioned in the May *Libretto*, the SV Website is a compendium of information about SV, its residents, and the surrounding area. A good place to start your exploration is the *Libretto* Index:

- SV Residents have visited an amazing number of places in the U.S. and worldwide. Look in the “**TRAVEL**” section of the Index to find newsletter issues describing trips to Antarctica, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Korea, Japan, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and 33 other locations;
- Fifty “**RESTAURANT**” reviews have appeared in the *Libretto* (caution: some restaurants have now closed, so if you’re not sure the restaurant is still open, please check online before heading out);
- We have some pretty amazing residents here in SV. Click on “**MEET**” and “**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**” in the Index to find newsletter issues where residents are featured.

Happy exploring!

SV Google Group

There are currently 138 members in the SV Google Group. This group allows for residents to ask for recommendations on contractors, etc. Email Carol Hodges at lhodges@atlanticbb.net if you wish to join. Google Groups can also be accessed from the **Daily Bulletin**.

Restaurant Reviews

Restaurant reviews are welcome from any resident who wishes to comment on a restaurant; however, we prefer not to publish negative reviews.

Photo Directories



Please send photos for the resident Photo Directory and/or the resident Pet Directory to the **Webmaster**. Contact Carol Hodges if you would like someone to come to your home and take a picture.

SNEAKERS – Linda Farrar, President

10th Annual Sneakers Silent Auction

The Sneakers Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, November 1, at the Clubhouse. Sneakers is collecting packing/stuffing materials to be used for the Auction baskets. If you have any clean bubble wrap, “peanuts,” shredded paper, or packing pillows you will be discarding, we would appreciate it if you would place them in a clean trash bag and drop them off at Amy Marotta’s home at 301 Overture Way. The deadline for drop-off is October 25.

Also, Sneakers will be collecting new/unused items for the Sneakers Auction. The cutoff date for these items is October 1. If you have new/unused items you wish to donate, please contact Helena Joy at 410-758-6532 or Linda Farrar at 410-758-8744. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

REMEMBER: Save the date of November 1 for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening.

June Book Giveaway

An end of year Book Giveaway was held at Centreville Elementary School on Wednesday, June 4. Each child received a book of their choice to take home. There were many happy faces and endless “thank you’s” received from the students and their teachers. This activity is possible because of the generosity of the residents of Symphony Village.



Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS)

The QACPS staff is having a two-day conference, Tuesday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 18, at Centreville Middle and Queen Anne's County High School. They have asked for Symphony Village's assistance in setting up and serving lunch and general cleanup afterward. The school will be providing the luncheon. Help will be needed at each school on Tuesday, June 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 18, from noon to 3 p.m. **We will also be baking cookies for the staff. If you are able to help serve on either day or can bake cookies, please contact Terri O'Connell at 443-928-3368.**

Card/Game Party

The Sneakers Card/Game Party was held at Prospect Bay on June 10. More than 50 Symphony Village residents joined in the fun and the camaraderie. A huge thank you is extended to all who helped to make this event a success.

Kennard Chess Night and Cubby Chorale

Sneakers would like to thank all the residents of Symphony Village who participated in or helped with the Kennard Chess Night and the Cubby Chorale performance. Both events were enjoyed by those who attended. We are already looking forward to next year.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, at 3 p.m. We are always looking for new members.



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BIRD CLUB – *Linda Blume*



For a second year in a row, mockingbirds have nested in a blue spruce tree just off my patio. And as I write this, for the second year in a row, I'm being dive-bombed by both parents whenever I venture onto the patio. I've tried wearing a hat, but the mockingbirds are undeterred – I can feel the draft of their wings just over my head. I've tried directing water from the hose (while I'm watering my patio plants) in their direction – they just fly to a different perch and continue their onslaught. I finally had what I considered a brilliant idea (why did it take two years?) – use an open umbrella over my head! It works! I can water my flowers. I can pull weeds. I can refill the bird baths. I can fill the hummingbird feeder. I am still subjected to a constant noisy scolding from both very protective parents, but I can once again venture out without expecting to be pecked on my head! Yeah! (Although a neighbor may question my sanity when seeing an open umbrella over my head as I garden.)

DINING IN



The next Dining In is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, at 6 p.m. We enjoy good food and conversations in our homes. Sign up in the Clubhouse. Please come and enjoy the chance to get together with Symphony Village residents and friends in a relaxed, smaller setting. Don't forget to invite your new neighbors to come along. Singles are welcome. Questions? Call Nancy Pashby at 443-262-8757.

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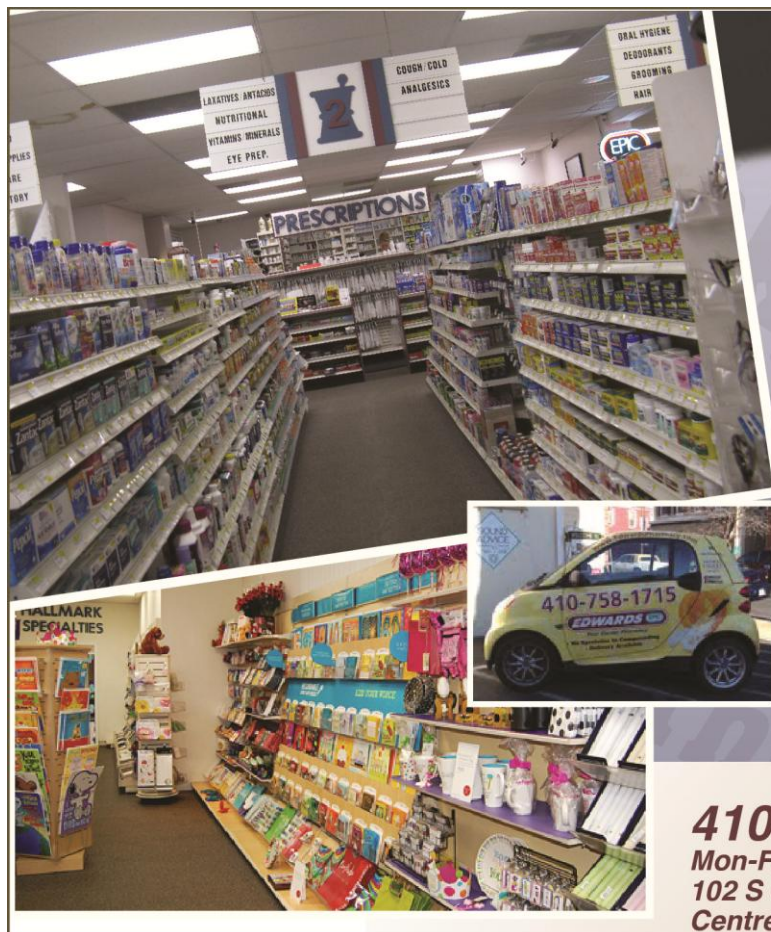
Steve Guy has once more issued an urgent call for new members to sponsor a plot in the Gazebo Garden. We have room for five more gardeners. Call Steve if you are available (301-641-8728). There will be a meeting on Saturday, June 28, at 9 a.m. to spruce up the garden for the 4th of July picnic. Incidentally, residents continue to use the Gazebo as a family picnic spot. There are a pair of mourning doves nesting in the Gazebo rafters and a pair of killdeer nesting in the garden. Speaking of birds, we had six nesting pairs of purple martins in the Gazebo apartments. About 20 babies have been hatched, and the martins are working on new broods.

The Victory Garden is well under way. Nine separate plots are being planted, and several early vegetables are being harvested. So far, there are 55 tomato plants and 48 pepper plants in the several plots. There are many varieties of squash, zucchini, beans, lettuce, and radishes. Be nice to the gardeners and you will share in the summer harvest! Diane Briggs is once again letting us use her water supply for the Victory Garden. Fortunately, we have not had to do much watering thanks to sufficient rain. Sometime in July or August, we will have a gardeners' dinner celebration at a local restaurant.

POKER



WELCOME all Poker players! Join us on Wednesday nights in the Clubhouse Card Room. The game starts at 7 p.m. so try to be there around 6:45 p.m. It's a friendly game, and everyone is welcome. If you are interested, just show up on Wednesday evening. However, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Larry Balducci, at 443-262-8721 or lbatoc@yahoo.com. Hope to see you Wednesday night.



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QUILTING CLUB – Carlene Cooke



The Symphony Village Quilting Group met on April 15 at the Clubhouse to make pillowcases for children in area hospitals. They did this in partnership with [ConKerr Cancer](#), an organization whose motto is “Giving sick kids a reason to smile...one pillowcase at a time.” The thank you note we received (pictured on the left) mentioned that “you helped us spread smiles across sick children’s faces in the hospitals and comfort children at Camp Sunrise” – (a camp for children being treated for cancer).

Robin Laird; her daughter, Kay; and granddaughter, Madison, introduced us to this ongoing project. Robin and Kay treated the Quilting Group to a delicious lunch at the Clubhouse on May 20 in appreciation of all the pillowcases made for the ConKerr project. The Quilting Group is now on summer vacation but will resume meeting in September. We plan to have another “pillowcase making day” that month. In the meantime, there is a collection box in the Craft Room for completed pillow cases and/or material for members of the Quilting Group to use to make pillow cases. If anyone is interested in joining our Quilting Group, we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Craft Room at the Clubhouse. For more information, contact Carlene Cooke, 443-262-8146 or carlene.cooke@gmail.com.



1st Row: Christa Fookes, Marilyn Williams, Peggy Dedrick, Carlene Cooke, Amy Marotta, Pat Kindle, Shirley Clark
2nd Row: Joan Hennessey, Cindy Backer, Mary Lewis, Sue Peterson, Dottie Mazzocchi, Betty Gingerich

TRIVIA

1. What President issued the proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day?
2. Is Flag Day an official holiday?
3. Where is the largest Flag Day parade held?
4. What was celebrated first, Mother’s Day or Father’s Day?
5. Where did Father’s Day originate?

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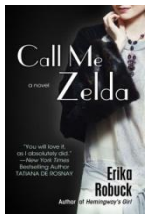
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READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – Jack Hennessey



The book for our June 17 meeting is *Call Me Zelda*, by Erika Robuck, who also authored *Hemingway's Girl*, one of our previous “top ten books.” Erika visited us in the past; but she cannot attend this meeting because she is extremely busy, having completed her fourth novel recently. *Call Me Zelda* is the story of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, the king and queen of the Jazz Age, who seemed to float on champagne bubbles above the mundane cares of the world. In fact, their endless parties were only a distraction from their inner turmoil and from a love that united them with a scorching intensity. Zelda was committed to a Baltimore psychiatric clinic in 1932, vacillating between lucidity and madness in her struggle to forge an identity separate from her husband. The story is related through the eyes of Anna Howard, a psychiatric nurse, a friend and confidante, of Zelda. Anna feels that Zelda may be the true genius of the two Fitzgeralds. The story is based on facts; but, of course, the narrative is cleverly generated by the author, based on thorough historical research. All residents are invited to attend our June meeting to share in the lively discussions and to enjoy light refreshments provided by Pat Kindle, who recommended this book.

The book for our July 15 meeting is *The Husband's Secret*, by Liane Moriarty, recommended by Pat Loiacono.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Dear Neighbors,



*I hope your Mother's Day was as special as mine was.
Thanks so much for all the good wishes, the lovely cards, the gift cards,
the throw for Rufus, and the ramps for Allen and his motorized wheelchair.
Our family has so much to be thankful and grateful for.
May you all be blessed for your wonderful generosity.*

Thankfully, Marion Beck

VOLUNTEERS at HOSPICE of QUEEN ANNE'S

It has been a while since we featured a volunteer of the month in the *Libretto*. But that doesn't mean our neighbors are not out there volunteering their time and talents to help many different organizations. Hospice of Queen Anne's has been a very popular organization to work with, and many of our neighbors have been recognized by Hospice of Queen Anne's for their outstanding service.

Since 2012, Hospice volunteers from Symphony Village who have been named “Volunteer of the Month” have included **Mary Scull, Nancie Cameron, Andy Cowley, Jack Walsh, and Pat Porter**. Additionally, **Estate Treasures** was named the **Philanthropist of the Year** in 2012. Estate Treasures is a second-hand shop in Chester (17 Kent Towne Center) that sells gently-used clothing, shoes, jewelry, etc. It is run entirely by Hospice volunteers, and it gives money taken in to Hospice of Queen Anne's. Many SV residents are volunteers or donate items to this shop. Volunteers include: **Theresa Weinberg-Perry, Linda Scheina, Mary Jo Barnes, Linda Gardner, Phyllis Hoffman, Sue Hoffman, Karin Larsen, and Joyce Montenegro**. Congratulations to all of these volunteers for your steadfast commitment!

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Upcoming presentations:

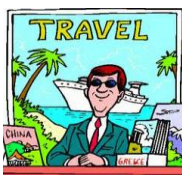
- **Saturday, June 28: Food Safety and Storage, 9 to 11 a.m.** Stop wasting food. Join Bonnie Anthony of the Queen Anne’s County Health Department for this informative program on safety and storage;
- **Saturday, July 26: Meet Your Farmers’ Market Vendors, 11 a.m. – noon.** Tours start at 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.;
- **Saturday, August 30: Blood Pressure Screenings, 9 to 11 a.m.** Queen Anne’s County Health Department will conduct free blood pressure screenings at the market; and
- **Saturday, October 25: Kids Day at the Market, 9 to 11 a.m.** Enjoy free kids activities.

For more information, call Centreville Main Street at 410-758-1180, extension 17, or email mainstreet@townofcentreville.org.

SUPPORT GROUP for CAREGIVERS

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is offering to the community a support group for Caregivers. This will be held every other Monday at noon at St. Paul’s here in Centreville. Bring a bag lunch – a drink will be provided. Facilitators will be St. Paul’s Rev. Mary Garner, along with a staff member from Queen Anne’s Hospice. This group is for those of you who are feeling emotionally and physically stressed because a loved one is suffering from chronic mental or physical illness. Our meetings will be held on alternate Mondays so they do not conflict with meetings of the Symphony Village Caregivers Support Group.

Questions? Call Michele Miller, Parish Administrator of St. Paul’s, 410-758-1553.



SENIOR CENTER TRIP

The Grasonville Senior Center and the Kent Island Senior Center sponsor both day trips and longer trips (including overseas). Flyers for many of these trips are online at [QAC Senior Center Trips](#). Contact the Grasonville Senior Center trip coordinator, Ann Martin, 410-827-6010, amartin@qac.org, or the Kent Island Senior Center trip coordinator, Betty Robinson, 410-604-3801, for more information or to inquire about other trips.

Sheriff Gary Hoffman



Sheriff Gary Hoffman will be hosting a Meet and Greet at the Symphony Village Club House. Time to meet your Sheriff and learn the true voter facts. Light refreshments served. Sponsors include Cascia Winery and others.

June 17th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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ROMEO and JULIET

If you missed the Romeo and Juliet show performed by the **Shore Shakespeare Theatre Troupe** here at Symphony Village Thursday, June 5, you missed an evening of fun and good entertainment. What better way to see a famous Shakespearean play than under the stars on a beautiful evening with good food, your favorite drink, and friendly neighbors. All this and the show was free. Everyone I spoke to following the show said they thoroughly enjoyed it, and they all expressed an interest in having more shows like this. Neighbors interviewed also wanted me to thank Donna Donaldson and the Lifestyle Committee for the huge effort they've put forth to bring a variety of social activities to the Village. – *Roving Reporter, Brenda Stoltz* -- Picture by Andy Cowley



FISHING TRIP RAFFLE



The [Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department](#) (4128 Main Street) is holding a Fishing Trip Raffle with the winning drawing to take place September 1 at the firehouse. The trip is a six-man charter with Maverick Fishing Charters, Captain Andrew Aus. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by calling the firehouse (410-827-8100) or from any fire department member.

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“NO LEFT TURNS”

This is a wonderful piece by Michael Gartner, a newspaper editor and past president of NBC News. In 1997, Gartner won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. The story is well worth reading, and a few good chuckles are guaranteed.

My father never drove a car. Well, that's not quite right. I should say I never saw him drive a car. He quit driving in 1927, when he was 25 years old, and the last car he drove was a 1926 Whippet. "In those days," (he told me this when he was in his 90s) "to drive a car you had to do things with your hands and feet and look every which way—so I decided you could walk through life and enjoy it or drive through life and miss it." At which point my mother, a sometimes salty Irishwoman, chimed in: "Oh, bull shit! He hit a horse." "Well," my father said, "there was that, too." So my brother and I grew up in a household without a car. The neighbors all had cars, but we had none. My father, a newspaperman in Des Moines, would take the streetcar to work and often walk the 3 miles home. If he took the streetcar home, my mother and brother and I would walk the 3 blocks to the streetcar stop, meet him, and walk home together. My brother, David, was born in 1935, and I was born in 1938; and sometimes at dinner we'd ask how come all the neighbors had cars but we had none. "No one in the family drives," my mother would explain, and that was that. But, sometimes, my father would say, "But as soon as one of you boys turns 16, we'll get one." It was as if he wasn't sure which one of us would turn 16 first. Sure enough, my brother turned 16 before I did, so in 1951 my parents bought a used 1950 Chevrolet from a friend. It was a four-door, white model, stick shift, fender skirts, loaded with everything; and, since my parents didn't drive, it more or less became my brother's car. Having a car but not being able to drive didn't bother my father, but it didn't make sense to my mother. So in 1952, when she was 43 years old, she asked a friend to teach her to drive. She learned in a nearby cemetery, the place where I learned to drive the following year and where, a generation later, I took my two children to practice driving. The cemetery probably was my father's idea. I remember him saying, "Who can your mother hurt in the cemetery?" For the next 45 years or so, until she was 90, my mother was the driver in the family. Neither she nor my father had any sense of direction so he loaded up on maps (though they seldom left the city limits), and he appointed himself navigator. It seemed to work. Still, they both continued to walk a lot. My mother was a devout Catholic, and my father was an equally devout agnostic—an arrangement that didn't seem to bother either of them through their 75 years of marriage. Yes, 75 years, and they were deeply in love the entire time. My father retired when he was 70, and nearly every morning for the next 20 some years, he would walk with mom the mile to St. Augustin's Church. She would walk down and sit in the front pew, and he would wait in the back until he saw which of the parish's two priests was on duty that morning. If it was the pastor, my father would go out and take a two-mile walk, meeting my mother at the end of the service and walking her home. If it was the assistant pastor, he'd take just a one-mile walk and then head back to the church. He called the priests "Father Fast" and "Father Slow." After he retired, my father almost always accompanied my mother whenever she drove anywhere, even if he had no reason to go along. If she were



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going to the beauty parlor, he'd sit in the car and read, or go take a stroll or, if it was summer, have my mother keep the engine running so he could listen to the Cubs game on the radio. In the evening, when I'd stop by, he'd explain: "The Cubs lost again. The millionaire on second base made a bad throw to the millionaire on first base, so the multimillionaire on third base scored." If my mother went to the grocery store, he would go along to carry the bags out—and to make sure she loaded up on ice cream.

As I said, my father was always the navigator; and, when he was 95 and my mother was 88 and still driving, he said to me: **"Do you want to know the secret of a long life?"** (I couldn't wait for the answer, knowing it would probably be something bizarre.) **"No left turns,"** he said. "What?" I asked. "No left turns," he repeated. "Several years ago, your mother and I read an article that said most accidents that old people are in happen when they turn left in front of oncoming traffic. As you get older, your eyesight worsens, and you can lose your depth perception, it said. So your mother and I decided never again to make a left turn. Think about it—3 rights are the same as a left, and that's a lot safer. So we always make 3 rights." "You're kidding," I said, turning to my mother for support. "No, your father is right. We make 3 rights. It works." But then she added: "Except when your father loses count." I was driving at the time and almost drove off the road as I started laughing. "Loses count?" "Yes," my father admitted, "that sometimes happens; but it's not a problem. You just make 7 rights, and you're okay again." "Do you ever go for 11?" I asked. "No, if we miss it at 7, we just come home and call it a bad day. Besides, nothing in life is so important it can't be put off another day or another week."

My mother was never in an accident, but one evening she handed me her car keys and said she had decided to quit driving. That was in 1999, when she was 90. She lived 4 more years, until 2003. My father died the next year, at 102. They both died in the bungalow they had moved into in 1937 and bought a few years later for \$3,000. Sixty years later, my brother and I paid \$8,000 to have a shower put in the tiny bathroom—the house had never had one. My father would have died then and there if he knew the shower cost nearly three times what he paid for the house. He continued to walk daily. When he was 101, he had me get him a treadmill because he was afraid he'd fall on the icy sidewalks but wanted to keep exercising. My father admitted that the first 100 years were a lot easier than the second, but he was of sound mind and sound body until the moment he died. One September afternoon in 2004, my father and my son went for a drive with me. It was clear to all 3 of us that my father was wearing out, though we had the usual wide-ranging conversation about politics and newspapers and things in the news. At one point my father said, "You know, I'm probably not going to live much longer." "You're probably right," I said. "Why would you say that!?" He countered, somewhat irritated. "Because you're 102 years old," I answered. "Yes," he said, "you're right." He stayed in bed all the next day. That night, I suggested to my son and daughter that we sit up with him through the night. He appreciated our being with him; however, at one point, apparently seeing us look gloomy, he said: "I would like to make an announcement. No one in this room is dead yet." An hour or so later, my father spoke his last words: "I want you to know that I am in no pain. I am very comfortable, and I have had as happy a life as anyone on this earth could ever have." A short time later, he died. I miss him a lot and I think about him a lot. I've wondered now and then how it was that my family and I were so lucky that he lived so long. **I can't figure out if it was because he walked through life – or because he quit taking left turns.**

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SCALLOPS AND ANGEL HAIR PASTA

From the kitchen of Joan Hennessey

½ cup hot water	1 pound bay scallops, drained
¼ cup chopped, dried tomatoes	1 cup half and half
1 small onion, chopped	¼ teaspoon salt
1 small green pepper, chopped	¼ teaspoon dried crushed red pepper (opt.)
1 small red pepper, chopped	8 oz. angel hair pasta, cooked
2 garlic cloves, minced	½ cup grated Parmesan cheese (opt.)
2 tablespoons olive oil	



Pour ½ cup hot water over tomatoes. Let stand 10 minutes or until softened. Drain and set aside. Sauté onion and garlic in hot oil in a large skillet over medium heat until tender. Add tomatoes and bell peppers; sauté 3 to 4 more minutes or until tender. Reduce heat to low; stir in scallops, salt, half and half, and crushed red pepper. Cook, stirring often, 2 to 3 minutes or until scallops are opaque. Toss together scallop mixture and pasta. Sprinkle with Parmesan if desired...Serves 4.

LOCAL EVENTS

Caroline County: **Martinak State Park's Nature Center Open: Weekends, Memorial Day through Labor Day**: Martinak State Park, Denton: [Caroline Rec and Parks](#)

Talbot County: **Historic Walking Tours of St. Michaels: Saturdays, May – October** (different tours on different Saturdays): St. Michaels: [Walking Tours](#)

Talbot County: **2nd Annual Clean Water Concert Series**: select dates throughout the **summer**: outdoors, Harrison Street, downtown Easton: [Concert Series](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Infinity Theatre Company's "Hank Williams, Lost Highway"**: select dates, **June 7 – 29**: CTA Theatre Complex, Annapolis: [Infinity Theatre Company](#)

"Honoring the Watermen of the Chesapeake"



The Kent Island Heritage Society will host "Honoring the Watermen of the Chesapeake" during their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, June 18**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center (425 Piney Narrows Road) in Chester. For more information, call 410-604-2100 or 410-758-2502. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Class: "Introduction to iPads"



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Free Library (121 South Commerce Street) will hold "Introduction to iPads" on **Wednesday, June 18**, 6 – 7 p.m. This class is intended for beginners and will include the basics of using an iPad and some hints and tricks. Space is limited, so sign up by calling 410-758-0980. ([Library Calendar](#))

Guided Kayak Tours

The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will host [Guided Kayak Tours](#) throughout the summer along Marshy Creek. Coming up:

Thursday, June 19, 5 – 8 p.m. (Skill Level II – Intermediate)

Sunday, June 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m. (Skill Level I - Beginner)

Tuesday, July 15, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Skill Level I)

The cost is \$10 for CBEC members and \$15 for non-members. See the website



for

more information. Reservations are required – contact Courtney Leigh, cleigh@bayrestoration.org, 410-827-6694, to register.

65th Annual Delmarva Chicken Festival



The [Delmarva Chicken Festival](#) will be held on **June 20 - 21** at the 4-H Park in Centreville. This family friendly event includes food, music, craft vendors, children’s activities, games, a “Chickin Pickin” contest, and more. Come see the famous giant fry pan. Go to the website for all the details, including a list of the musical entertainment and additional activities.

Top Chef Retreat



The [Top Chef Retreat](#) will be held on **June 20 - 21** at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville. Sharpen your cooking skills and learn techniques such as braising, searing, grilling, knife work, and bread baking. Go to the website for all the details.

Kent County: **Short Attention Span Theatre: June 20 - 23 and June 27 - 29:** Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre, Chestertown: [Garfield Event Calendar](#)

Wicomico County: **Bill Cosby’s Comedy Central Tour: “Far From Finished”:** Friday, June 20: Wicomico Civic Center, Salisbury: [Bill Cosby](#)

24th Annual Thunder on the Narrows



The Kent Narrows Racing Association presents [Thunder on the Narrows](#) on **June 21 - 22** on Kent Narrows at the Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Drive) in Chester. Speeds reach over 100 mph, and there will be five classes of hydroplanes and Jersey speed skiffs. There will be fun for the entire family.

Estate Treasures 50’s Celebration



Estate Treasures will hold a 50’s Celebration on **Saturday, June 21**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Estate Treasures is located at 17 Kent Towne Center in Chester. It is an upscale resale shop benefiting Hospice of Queen Anne’s.

Anne Arundel County: **Eastport a Rockin’:** Saturday, June 21: at the end of Second Street on the Back Creek Side, Annapolis: [Eastport a Rockin’](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Theatre for Young Audiences: “The Emperor’s New Clothes”:** select dates **June 21 – August 2:** Infinity Theatre Company, Annapolis: [Infinity Theatre Company](#)

Caroline County: **2nd Annual Dream City Music Festival** (to benefit the Ridgely Fire Department): **Saturday, June 21:** Ridgely: [Dream City Music Festival](#)

Caroline County: **Adkins Arboretum** Events:

- Summer Flora: **Saturday, June 21:** [Summer Flora](#)
- Monarchs: **Saturday, June 21:** [Monarchs](#)
- Bus Trip: Brooklyn Grange Rooftop Farm and Brooklyn Botanic Garden: Wednesday, **June 25:** [Bus Trip](#)
- Botanical Illustration: **June 26, July 3, 10, 17, and 24:** [Botanical Illustration](#)

Some programs have an associated fee and/or require advance reservation (available on the website). For more information, go to the website or call 410-634-2847.

Dorchester County: **Wings and Wheels:** Saturday, June 21: Cambridge-Dorchester Airport, Cambridge: [Wings and Wheels](#)

Kent County: **The Chester River Association presents “Summer Solstice Celebration”**: Saturday, June 21: Wilmer Park, Chestertown: [Summer Solstice Celebration](#)

Kent County: **Summer Solstice Celebration at St. Paul’s**: Saturday, June 21: St. Paul’s Parish, Chestertown: [Kent Tourism](#)

Talbot County: **26th Annual Oxford Cardboard Boat Races**: Saturday, June 21: Oxford: [Cardboard Boat Races](#)

Talbot County: **4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**: Saturday, June 21: Academy Art Museum, Easton: [Juneteenth](#)

Kent County: **29th Annual Bay to Bay Ride** (to benefit leader dogs for the blind through Chestertown Lions Club): Sunday, June 22: Upper Eastern Shore and Delaware: [Bay to Bay Ride](#)

Talbot County: **Lost Heroes Memorial Motorcycle Rally**: Sunday, June 22: Rock Hall American Legion Post #228: [Tidewater Trader](#) (Select page 6 at the bottom of the screne.), 410-778-1871

Anne Arundel County: **Paint Annapolis: June 23 - 29**: venues throughout Annapolis: [Paint Annapolis](#)

Class: “More iPads”



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Free Library (121 South Commerce Street) will hold “More iPads” on **Wednesday, June 25**, 6 – 7 p.m. This class is intended for those who already have experience with iPads. Topics will include common troubleshooting issues and “tips and tricks.” Space is limited, so sign up by calling 410-758-0980. ([Library Calendar](#))

Discussion: “Centreville’s Past” with Dan Tabler



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Free Library (121 South Commerce Street) will host Dan Tabler on **Wednesday, June 25** and **Wednesday, July 16**, 7 – 8 p.m. Come to the front porch of the library to sip lemonade, eat cookies, and share stories and remembrances of Centreville and Queen Anne’s County. ([Library Calendar](#))

Worcester County: **Dew Tour: June 25 – 29**: Ocean City: [Dew Tour in OC](#)

2nd Annual “Claws for a Cause”



[Claws for a Cause](#) will take place on **Thursday, June 26**, 6 – 9 p.m., at Fisherman’s Inn Crab Deck (3116 Main Street) in Grasonville. The event is a benefit for the University of Maryland Shore Emergency Center. Tickets are \$90 in advance and \$100 at the door. There will be a traditional crab feast and a buffet of barbecued chicken, pulled pork barbecue, and an assortment of side dishes.

“Thursdays in the Park” Music Series



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council sponsors “Thursdays in the Park” throughout the summer at varying locations in QAC. The *Chris Sacks Band* will perform on **Thursday, June 26**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Drive) in Chester. Bring a picnic basket and chairs or a blanket. The concerts are free and are held rain or shine (except in extreme weather conditions). ([Summer Concert Series](#))

Anne Arundel County: **What’s Up? Magazine’s “Best Of” Party**: Thursday, June 26: Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis: [“Best Of” Party](#)

Talbot County: **Trappe Volunteer Fire Company Old Tyme Fair**: June 26 - 28: [Town of Trappe](#)

Talbot County: **Explore the Chesapeake Series** (presented by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum): **June 26, June 27, August 8, and September 4:** [CBMM Calendar](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Canines & Cocktails for a Cause** (to benefit Anne Arundel SPCA): **Friday, June 27:** Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis: [Cocktails for a Cause](#)

Anne Arundel County: **“SHOUT! The Mod Musical”**: **Thursday – Sunday, June 27 – July 19:** Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre, Annapolis: [Summer Garden Theatre](#)

3rd Annual Two Rivers Bike Ride



The [Two Rivers Bike Ride](#) will take place on **Saturday, June 28**. There will be 15-mile, 30-mile, 65-mile, and 100-mile routes along the Corsica and Chester Rivers. The event will benefit the Wye River Upper School and Corsica River Conservancy. Go to the website for all the details and to register.

Workshop: “Life Insurance and You”



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Free Library (121 South Commerce Street) will hold “Life Insurance and You” on **Saturday, June 28**, 2 – 3 p.m. This is a free financial workshop offered by the Society for Financial Awareness. Space is limited, so sign up by calling 410-758-0980. ([Library Calendar](#))

Centreville Fireworks



The Town of Centreville will celebrate Independence Day with Fireworks on **Saturday, June 28**, 9 p.m., across from Queen Anne’s County High School.

Caroline County: **3rd Annual Marshhope Duck Derby and Festival** (to benefit Federalsburg Elementary School Boosters, Federalsburg Senior Center, and Colonel Richardson High School Band Boosters): **Saturday, June 28:** Federalsburg Marina Park: [Duck Derby](#)

Caroline County: **Guided Canoe Trip along Tuckahoe Creek**: **Saturday, June 28:** Tuckahoe State Park Boathouse, Queen Anne: Pre-registration: [Caroline Rec and Parks](#), 410-820-1668

Talbot County: **Watch the Log Canoe Races Aboard the Winnie Estelle**: **Saturday, June 28:** Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

Talbot County: **Tilghman Island Summer Seafood Festival**: **Saturday, June 28:** Tilghman Island: [Seafood Festival](#)

Wicomico County: **Zoobilation!** (to benefit the Salisbury Zoological Park): **Saturday, June 28:** The Salisbury Zoological Park, Salisbury: [Renew The Zoo](#)

18th Annual Photography Show



The Kent Island Federation of Arts (405 Main Street) in Stevensville presents a Photography Show **July 2 – August 2**. The judged show of photography is open to everyone from amateur to professional photographer. The gallery is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. ([KIFA Exhibits](#))

Fourth of July Ceremony



The QAC Historical Society will host a “Fourth of July Ceremony” on **Friday, July 4**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Aspen Institute on Wye Plantation in Wye Mills. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the grave of William Paca, a program with speaker in the garden, music by the Chesapeake Community Band, and refreshments. Free. ([QAC Tourism](#))

10th Annual Kid's Free Fishing Derby



The Kent Island Elks Lodge and the Natural Resources Police Reserve Officers will host the “Kid’s Free Fishing Derby” on **Friday, July 4**, at Terrapin Park (191 Log Canoe Circle) in Stevensville. The fishing contest is open to children ages 3 years to 15 years old. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and activities are 8 a.m. – noon with all lines out of the water at 11 a.m. For more information, call 443-223-7832. Register online at [Registration](#). (*The Shore Update*, April 17, 2014)

Caroline County: **Guided Canoe Trip along Watts Creek: Saturday, July 5**: Martinak State Park Nature Center, Denton: Pre-registration: [Caroline Rec and Parks](#), 410-820-1668

Kent County: **8th Annual Old Time Fish Fry: Saturday, July 5**: Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Rock Hall: [Tidewater Trader](#)

Somerset County: **6th Annual Freedom Fest: Saturday, July 5**: American Legion, Crisfield: [Freedom Fest](#)

Talbot County: **Big Band Night: Saturday, July 5** (rain date is July 6): Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [Big Band Night](#)

Kent County: **6th Annual Waterman’s Day** (to benefit the scholarship fund for a waterman’s child or grandchild): **Sunday, July 6**: The Bulkhead on Bayside Avenue, Rock Hall: 410-639-7611

Talbot County: **Chautauqua Summer Series: “Creative Women – Breaking the Mold: Georgia O’Keeffe”**: **Monday, July 7**: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Events](#)

Talbot County: **Chautauqua Summer Series: “Creative Women – Breaking the Mold: Emily Dickinson”**: **Tuesday, July 8**: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Events](#)

Talbot County: **Chautauqua Summer Series: “Creative Women – Breaking the Mold: Frida Kahlo”**: **Wednesday, July 9**: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Events](#)

Talbot County: **Talbot County Fair: July 9 – 12**: Talbot Agricultural and Education Center, Easton: [Talbot County Fair](#)

“Thursdays in the Park” Music Series



The Queen Anne’s County Arts Council sponsors “Thursdays in the Park” throughout the summer at varying locations in QAC. The *Chesapeake Bay Community Band* will perform patriotic themed music on **Thursday, July 10**, 7 – 9 p.m., on the Centreville Court House Square. Bring a picnic basket and chairs or a blanket. The concerts are free and are held rain or shine (except in extreme weather conditions). ([Summer Concert Series](#))

Talbot County: **Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show: July 10 - 13**: Tuckahoe Showgrounds, Route 50, Easton: [Tuckahoe Steam and Gas](#)

Annual Block Party



Centreville will host a Block Party on **Friday, July 11**, 6 – 9 p.m., on West Water Street. For more information, call 410-758-1180. ([QAC Tourism](#))

Anne Arundel County: **Annapolis Irish Festival: July 11 - 12**: Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville: [Irish Festival](#)

Talbot County: **Charity Golf Tournament** (to benefit Phillips Wharf Environmental Center): **Friday, July 11**: Harbourtowne Resort and Country Club, St. Michaels: 410-886-9200, info@pwec.org

Talbot County: **Family Program: “It’s a Sailor’s Life for Me!”**: Friday, July 11: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

Talbot County: **“Marlinspike Sailors and Courageous Cuttermen: American Mariners in the War of 1812”**: Friday, July 11: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

Anne Arundel County: **Infinity Theatre Company’s “I Do! I Do!”**: select dates,

July 12 – August 3: CTA Theatre Complex, Annapolis: [Infinity Theatre Company](#)

Dorchester County: **Taste of Cambridge Crab Cook-Off and Festival**: Saturday, July 12: Cambridge: [Taste of Cambridge](#)

Talbot County: **Plein Air Competition and Arts Festival**: July 12 - 20: throughout Easton: [Plein Air Easton](#)

Basket Bingo

BASKET BINGO



Basket Bingo will be held on **Sunday, July 13**, at the American Legion Post 278 (800 Romancoke Road) in Stevensville as a fundraiser for Chesapeake Cats and Dogs. Doors open at noon, and bingo begins at 2 p.m. ([Chesapeake Cats and Dogs](#))

10th Annual Birdies For The Bay Golf Tournament



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville will host the [Birdies For The Bay Golf Tournament](#) on **Monday, July 14**, at the Queenstown Harbor Golf Course in Queenstown.

Talbot County: **Concert: “John Mock, From the Shoreline”**: Tuesday, July 15: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: [CBMM Calendar](#)

S’mores & Stories Under the Stars



The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (600 Discovery Lane) in Grasonville presents “S’mores and Stories” once a month. The upcoming program is: **Wednesday, July 16**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: “Wonders of Fire.” Meet in the Pavilion to the right of the parking area. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 non-members, and free to children under 2 years of age. Reservations are encouraged – call 410-827-6694 or email knelson@bayrestoration.org. ([S'mores and Stories](#))

Somerset County: **J. Millard Tawes Crab and Clam Bake**: Wednesday, July 16: Somers Cove Marina, Crisfield: [Crab and Clam Bake](#)

Queen Anne’s County Arts Council Classes

Herbs and Spices: Sunday, July 20: Wye River Designs (4300 Main Street), Grasonville; and

Basket Weaving: Saturday, July 26: QAC Centre for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street),

Centreville: Register by **July 20**.

For more information on summer classes, go to [Arts Council](#) and click on “Workshops and Classes” and then “Summer 2014 Schedule” or call 410-758-2520.

Bus Trip: Cirque Dreams Holidaze



The Grasonville Senior Center will host a bus trip to see “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” at the Du Pont Theatre in Wilmington, Delaware, on **Wednesday, December 10**. “Cirque Dreams Holidaze” is a rock opera, circus, musical, and holiday show all rolled into one. The cost is \$115 per person with \$20 due at sign-up and the balance due by November 7. There is limited seating for this

show – the senior center has reserved 10 orchestra seats and 30 balcony seats (orchestra seating will be assigned to those who absolutely cannot climb stairs – first come, first served). For more information and to reserve your seat, call the senior center at 410-827-6010.

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