

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

Dan & Carol Maloof 141 Symphony

Carol Donnelly 215 Harmony Way Barbara & Rick Obrecht 310 Harmony Way

Rich & Maggie Kovack 415 Opera Court

Linda Parr 115 Orchestra Place Mary Elizabeth McDade 207 Harmony Way

Ginny and J. Carter McKaid 834 Harmony Way

<u>Welcome Night for New Residents</u> – We want to invite our new Residents to an Evening of Welcome on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at the Clubouse Grand Ball Room. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or RSVP to Carol Hodges, 410-758-0591.



MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

As a result of homeowners' requests, the July HOA Board Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday,

mark your calendar

July 23. Originally the Board Meeting was scheduled for Friday, but was changed to Wednesday, July 23, to avoid any conflicts. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the July HOA Board Meeting on **July 23 at 6 p.m.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS – Ellen Norman, Chair

Recently, the Covenants Committee has focused on the exterior maintenance of our homes and gardens. This month we want to talk about the maintenance of the home--the building itself. During a drive around the neighborhood, the Covenants Vice-chair and I were looking at the overall appearance of the community. In general, everything looks very good, but there are a few issues we want to address—issues that may not have been on your radar. For example, unlike brick homes, vinyl-sided homes need to be power washed every few

years. Take a walk around your home and take particular notice of the north side of the building. This is where mold first forms. The longer the mold is left on the siding, the harder it is to remove. The gutters can start looking gray rather than white and may never be completely white again no matter how much cleaning is done.

We also noticed rust spots on the sides of homes caused by water splashing against the house from the irrigation heads. This has been an issue for all of us. There is a product that removes the stains instantly - no scrubbing!! The name of the product is Whink Rust Stain Remover. It can be purchased at the Ace hardware store. A few weeks ago my home was power washed and this product was used to remove the stains. It's so easy to use...just wet the stained area with water from the hose, squirt the cleaner on the stain directly from the bottle, wait a few seconds then rinse with water, and the stain disappears. For badly stained areas, it may take several applications to remove the stain.



Power washing your home and treating these stains can keep your home looking brand new for years to come. It also helps to keep our neighborhood looking great!

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

- <u>The Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour</u> August 9, Saturday, from 4 to 8 p.m. We will have Adam's Ribs cater with Roasted Pig and Fried Chicken, and we ask that all attendees bring some type of salad or dessert that will serve between four to eight people. When signing up for this event, please include what type of salad or dessert you will bring. We will also have the snow cone machine for drinks. The cost for this event is \$13.50 per person and the deadline for a final count is July 23.
- **Happy Hour** Saturday, July 19, 6 p.m. Price of admission is an appetizer or dessert.
- **Happy Hour** Friday August 1, 6 p.m. Price of admission is an appetizer or dessert.
- <u>Lunch Bunch</u> Thursday, August 14, at 12:30 p.m. Meet at the *Café Mezzanotte* in Severna Park. The *Café Mezzanotte* is located at 760 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park. The menu for this luncheon event will include a salad and choice of six entrees and a non-alcoholic beverage for a total price of \$24, including tax and gratuity. 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! We also look forward to lunching at The *Greens at Easton Club* on September 11 and the *Kentmorr Restaurant* on October 9.
- <u>9/11 Museum NY Trip</u> Thursday, October 2, \$100 per person includes bus transportation, all taxes driver tip, bagel breakfast, admission to the Museum. Depart from the Clubhouse at 7:30 a.m., 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 is sure to book up quickly and space is limited to 56 people, so HURRY.
- Radio City Christmas Spectacular Friday, December 12, \$150 per person. Cost includes bagel breakfast, orchestra seating, bus transportation, all taxes, and driver tip. Dinner is on your own. Departure time: 7:15 a.m. from the Clubhouse and will return at 9:15 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book. Must be signed up and paid no later than August 15.
- <u>Trivial Pursuit</u> Escape the summer heat and humidity on Sunday, July 27, with family-friendly Trivial Pursuit in the Concert Hall from 2 4 (or longer!) p.m.





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OUTREACH — Carlene Cooke, President

BINGO Update

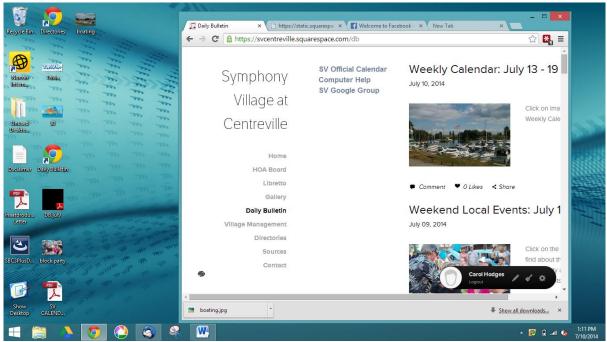


The bingo game held on the second Friday of each month and sponsored by Symphony Village's Outreach Committee will take a brief two-month hiatus. No game will be held in July or in August. Outreach Bingo will resume on September 12 at which time the Jackpot will be worth \$325.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS — Carol Hodges, Chair

Daily Bulletin Shortcut for Windows

For a Windows system, residents may wish to have an icon on the desktop that can be clicked to open the Daily Bulletin automatically. To get the icon on the desktop, open the Webpage to symphonyvillage.net and click on Daily Bulletin. The window that is shown in the picture below should open. Make the window so that you can see the Daily Bulletin and the desktop at the same time. One way is to click on the little square at the top right next to the x. That should shrink it. Clicking on the sides so that a double arrow appears and dragging to the right should make the window skinnier. Once the window looks like the picture below, click and hold the words *Daily Bulletin* in the list just below *Gallery*. Drag over to the desktop and release. An icon should appear that has the words Daily Bulletin below it. Clicking on that icon should automatically open the Daily Bulletin.



<u>Daily Bulletin Shortcut for IPads</u>--John Schultz wrote the instructions for the same thing on an IPad and possibly some Androids. <u>The instructions may be found on the Web</u>.

Income from *Libretto* **Ads**--The income from the *Libretto* Ads goes directly into the general fund, not into a *Libretto* account. If you use a vendor and are happy with them, encourage them to advertise. The ad rates are located on the home page of the Website.

SNEAKERS — *Linda Farrar*, *Chair*

10th Annual Sneakers Silent Auction--Remember to save the date of November 1 for the 10th Annual Sneakers Silent Auction. Auction items include beautiful baskets heaped with interesting and useful items,

gift certificates, raffle items, and so much more. Come join us and share in an evening filled with an array of delicious foods to eat and lots of fun. Details will be available as we get closer to the date.

Sneakers is in need of packing/stuffing materials to be used for the Auction baskets. If you have extra clean bubble wrap, "peanuts", shredded paper, or packing pillows you would like to donate, we ask that you place these items in a clean trash bag and drop them off at Amy Marotta's home at 301 Overture Way. The drop-off deadline is October 25.

We also are continuing to collect new/unused items for the Auction. If you have items that you wish to donate, please contact Helena Joy at 410-758-6535 or Linda Farrar at 410-758-8744. The cut-off date for donating these items is October 1. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS)

A note was received from the QACPS teachers expressing their sincere thanks to the Symphony Village residents who assisted in setting up, serving, and baking delicious cookies for the teachers' two-day conference at Queen Anne's County High School. They said that we worked liked "a well-oiled cookie/chicken sandwich machine". We can be quite proud of the SV residents who volunteered their time and/or baking expertise to make this first-of-its-kind conference a great success.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, at 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. The August meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20. New members are always welcome.



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CLUBS AND CLASSES

DINING IN

The next Dining In will be held Sunday, July 27, at 6 p.m. Please sign up in the Activities Book by July 22 to allow for planning. This is a great way to meet your fellow SV residents and see how others decorate their home.



EXERCISE/TAEKWONDO CLASS

Picture above was taken at a recent picnic attended by some of the participants in Gary Fookes' Exercise/ TAEKWONDO class which meets on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at the Clubhouse.

GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB and VICTORY GARDEN - Jack Hennessey

Steve Guy is on vacation, but asked that his urgent appeal for new gardeners to sponsor a plot in the Gazebo Garden be re-issued. There are five plots needing a sponsor. Hopefully, some of our new residents with mud on their boots will volunteer. Please contact Steve or Jack for a warm welcome. No prior experience needed! In fact, we have a new broom, and would welcome someone to sweep the gazebo walks once a week — experienced witches accepted as members! The mourning doves that nested in the gazebo have flown the coop. The purple martins have hatched their second brood. The entire flock will head for Argentina by the time the August *Libretto* goes to press. Adventurous bird watchers may want to travel to Lake Murray in South Carolina in mid-August where about 700,000 martins will stop on their southward migration. This can be tracked on your computer.

The victory garden is in full bloom. At last count, there were 65 tomato plants, about 50 peppers of various varieties, and about 45 squash of different types. Our tomatoes will peak in the next three weeks. Many residents have already shared in the harvest. Near the end of July, we will have a victory garden celebration at a

local restaurant. Two of our new residents have expressed interest in participating in the victory garden in 2015. We would like to borrow a gas-powered mower to trim around the garden. Call Jack if you have a loaner. 758-4172.

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB - Jack Hennessey

At our June 17 meeting, we reviewed the novel *Call Me Zelda*, written by Erika Robuck, and recommended by Pat Kindle. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book received a rating of 7.5. The story covers the life of Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, who were considered the king and queen of the jazz age. Zelda was committed to a Baltimore psychiatric clinic in 1932, where she eventually died. It is a story worth reading. Readers may wish to visit the grave of the Fitzgeralds, which is located at St. Mary's Church in Rockville, Maryland.

The book for our July 15 meeting is *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty, and is set in Australia. The wife is Cecilia Fitzpatrick, an incredibly successful businesswoman. The secret is revealed about halfway through the book. The story has a very long list of characters, many of which have their own little (or not so little) secrets. All residents are invited to attend the July 15 meeting to participate in discussions and share in the dessert which will be provided.

TRIVIA

- 1. What event does July 4/Independence Day commemorate?
- 2. When was the resolution proposing legal separation/independence from Britain adopted?
- 3. Which Presidents died on July 4?
- **4.** Where is the oldest continuous July 4 parade held?
- **5.** Upon what did Thomas Jefferson base the opening paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Centreville Farmers' Market began its "Healthy Living Series" in May. The series continues throughout the summer at the market on Lawyer's Row at Commerce Street, and all events are free. Upcoming presentations:

- 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.

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your overwhelming kindness and unending prayers during this difficult time. We know that Grace is loved by so many people and appreciate your presence—in person and in spirit—during the service to celebrate her life.

Grace's bright heart and smile are things we cherished during her brief time with us.

The happy memories you have of Grace that you shared with our family in all of your cards, e-mails, phone calls, visits and hugs are deeply appreciated. Thank you, too, for those who provided meals.

We welcome your continued prayers as we begin our journey toward healing.

With Love and Gratitude,
Nazir & Roberta Ahmed & Family

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Symphony Village,

As I continue to recuperate from a broken ankle, I would like to thank you all for your many good wishes, lovely get well cards, delicious meals, great visits, and most of all for your friendship. Jack and I have been truly blessed by your kindness. I am doing very well and hope to be out and about in the community again soon.

Sincerely,

Pat Tominovic

QAC "Make a Difference Day": Project Homeless Connect

A representative from the local group organizing Project Homeless Connect in QAC spoke to SV Outreach at its June meeting. Thanks to the generosity of SV residents at its fundraising events, Outreach is able to donate \$200 to purchase eight \$25 Food Lion Gift Cards for this event.



Project Homeless Connect is a national model for delivering services to the homeless (and the atrisk-of-being homeless) community by bringing agencies together into one place at one time. The event provides services such as medical exams and screenings, haircuts, identification services, clothing, education resources, and much more.

QAC will hold "Make a Difference Day" on **Monday, October 20**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Kramer Center, Goodwill VFD, and St. Paul's Church in Centreville. QAC Social Services will invite the participants. Available services will be grouped together by location (e.g., all health services will be at Goodwill VFD), and bus transportation will be available between locations should walking not be a good option. Two types of volunteers are needed:

- Navigators: Each participant/family group will be assigned a Navigator to guide them through the available services using a supplied list of services. These volunteers will stay with the participant half a day; and
- Miscellaneous Volunteers: Volunteers are also needed for the myriad of smaller tasks during the event such as helping in the children's play area and helping with the food (snacks and a hot lunch) at St. Paul's.



There is a Participation Form posted on the SV Website at Form. To volunteer, print out the form, put "Symphony Village" in "Address," fill in your name, phone number, email address, and check the last entry "I would like to volunteer," and mail it to the address on the form. Contact Linda Blume if you would like a hardcopy of the online form. You may also volunteer or get more information by calling Candice Darling, 410-758-3977, extension 2070, or Heather Andrews, 410-758-8026.

Monetary donations are also needed to defray the cost for services that cannot be donated. For example, getting a State Picture ID costs \$24; there will be \$25 Gift Cards for Food Lion and K-Mart available; and getting a duplicate birth certificate costs \$30 (in-state) or \$50 (out-of-state). Checks should be made out to "QAC Family Preservation Fund," with "QAC Make a Difference Day" on the check Subject line, and mailed to

QAC Department of Social Services 125 Comet Drive Centreville, Maryland 21617 Attn: Pam Maryel

Donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt.

American Legion Riders - Post 18 in Centreville

We have some busy "bikers" in SV, and they are not just busy cruising around. These bikers are members of the Jeff Davis American Legion Riders (ALR) which had it first official meeting in February 2014. They are a small group now (only 11 members), but they are working hard to recruit more Riders. The ALR "promotes the aims and purposes of the American Legion, the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion. ALR chapters nationwide have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded service members, and scholarships." Our own Steve Harty (President), Larry Lorditch (Vice President), and Andy & Glorya Cowley are members, and they welcome anyone interested in joining them to call Steve at 410-758-2626. The ALR are also sponsoring the two events listed below.

Pictured left to right: Glorya (Glo) & Andy (Wizard) Cowley, Larry (FuMan) Lorditch, Steve (Snoopy) Harty. Gary Ray (not shown) is planning to become a member this month.



"Bikes & Burgers"



The Post 18 ALR is hosting "Bikes & Burgers" on **Sunday, July 27**, 3 – 7 p.m. *Sleep Thru Sunday* will be the featured performer. It is a Rock Cover Band from Kent Island playing mostly new rock and some classic rock. There will also be food, fun, 50/50 raffles, and more. Tickets are \$10. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Contact the Post at 410-758-3584 for more information and to purchase tickets.

"Santa's Christmas Cash"



The Post 18 ALR is also holding "Santa's Christmas Cash," a 50/50 raffle, from **now until** the prize drawing on **Thursday, November 20**, a week before Thanksgiving. This is a fundraiser for the charities that ALR supports. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. First prize is 50% of the proceeds; second and third prizes are a Secret Santa gift. Tickets are available at the Post (at the bar) or call 410-758-3584. Here in SV, tickets can be obtained from Steve Harty, 410-758-2626, and Larry Lorditch, 443-262-8751.

PILGRIM'S REGRESS by Jack Walsh

No travel story seems complete without something happening like the events I'm going to describe...



I arranged by telephone and email to be part of a Franciscan Holy Land Pilgrimage in June. I arrived in Israel at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport several days before the arrival of the group. On Monday, June 9, I set out from my hotel, stopped to change currency, and took a bus to the railroad station to join the pilgrims, none of whom I knew. At the railroad station I bought a ticket to the airport where the meeting was scheduled. I easily found the right platform. I was on the right track, comfortable with my

surroundings. After all, I traveled the same route in the other direction just a few days earlier upon my arrival. At the platform, I took the only seat available with my back to the track the train would arrive on. Soon the woman in the next seat dropped what she was reading and asked if I was traveling alone. In answer to my yes, she said that before her husband joined her from Mexico (and seated next to her) she was in Israel alone and experienced difficulty. "Easier to get around in a foreign country with two sets of eyes and ears," she counseled.

Suddenly a train pulled onto the track behind us. I jumped up, grabbed my wheeled suitcase, and hurried to the open train door and got in. The train pulled away quickly. The car looked different than the one I rode on arrival. I asked some men nearby if this was the train to the airport and heard with shock that it wasn't. They said in what seemed a joking tone, "you've got to take it to the end and come back." Well, at least they spoke English. I turned to my suitcase and panicked. I didn't have my carry-on shoulder bag! I froze. Fear grabbed my stomach. My iPad and camera were in the bag as was the pilgrim group contact numbers and destination. "I think it's Nazareth," I thought, but where? I got to the end of the line and found my way to the track going back. But I didn't know the Hebrew name of the station I left. I showed my ticket at a ticket booth but was told the ticket said only that I was going to the airport. I got on the next train back and got off at what I thought was the right station. It wasn't. I asked for directions and got friendly but wrong advice. Those I asked wondered why I had to get to the exact station I left. I didn't explain, maybe out of embarrassment. I later learned that the airport train stopped at two different stations. My bag was at one of them. I took another and another train trying to find "my" station. I managed to approach people who were willing to help, even if in broken English, but I got no certain answers or ones I couldn't understand. I tried to calm myself. I prayed. I consoled myself by remembering that the bag didn't have my cash. I confirmed that by periodically patting my money belt. "Good job, Jack; you got that right at least." The contents of the bag were replaceable. But panic set in again when I remembered the contact telephone numbers! I was going to be late meeting the group. They'd leave for

Nazareth without me. How would I get in touch with someone?

Eventually, the rhythm of the trains I got on and off and on and off lulled my fright. I smiled as I thought of the old Kingston Trio folk song "Lost on the MTA." "Did he ever return? No, he never returned ... he may ride forever... He's the man who never returned."

Then: ENLIGHTENMENT! I said to myself, "I'm in Israel; the bag is a security risk! It won't be stolen for fear it's rigged to explode. Perhaps a bomb-sniffing dog will rub his nose over it and pass it by. The bag will be in Lost and Found with hundreds of black umbrellas." I relaxed. Eventually, I got to the right station with the help of a conductor who recognized that my train ticket not only said airport, but also the name of the station where I bought the ticket. She directed me to the right station. But by then it was so late I knew the group had left without me. I found the RR security office and asked if a bag was turned in. I was questioned when the bag was left and what was in it by a leathery-faced officer accustomed, probably, to interrogating terrorists and turnstile jumpers. I answered each question like a schoolboy asking for a permission slip. I looked around for my imagined canine savior but didn't see him. The



tight-faced officer called through a Plexiglas window to a worker who handed him my bag. My bag! A bomb threat! Rejected by thieves. Sniffed clean. Thank goodness. I got to the airport hours late. The group had left for Nazareth. On the train to the airport, I learned that my phone wasn't working. I couldn't call the group leaders or them me. Verizon wasn't with me as contracted. However, I did verify the hotel in Nazareth. But how to get there? The airport information desk gave me several choices:

1) taxi for \$225 +; 2) taxi southeast to Jerusalem then bus or taxi; 3) train north to Haifa then bus or taxi. I looked at the map of Israel and decided that the closer and cheaper option was the train to Haifa and then a bus to Nazareth. I bought a train ticket to Haifa. Before boarding, I asked a young worker helping travelers at a turnstile about the correct Haifa station to exit for a bus to Nazareth. He gave me the stop, the number of the bus, and its color (green)! A native of Haifa, he was right on every point.

I got to Nazareth and walked in the direction the bus driver pointed. I didn't see a bus or a taxi. I got verification of the driver's directions at several shops along the way. At one, a group of men seated at an outdoor cafe pointed the way. I started off. Suddenly, a man about my age said, "No, it's hilly from here on; you shouldn't drag that bag up that hill. Take a bus." He took me to a bus stop saying, "Take any bus; 5 shekels." A bus soon came. It dropped me a block from the hotel. The man was right. It was hilly and farther than anybody except him admitted.

The pilgrim group was at dinner. I was warmly greeted by the leaders who then announced who I was and that I arrived safely. They applauded. Welcome pilgrim. It was good to be there, to smell dinner, to be handed a plate, shown to the buffet, and given a place at table.

Thanks to those who helped and eased my way to this warm greeting: the travelers willing to give directions, the young man giving exact bus details, the man advising me to the bus stop, the bomb-sniffing dog, or was it the Mexican woman who saved my bag? I was truly a pilgrim, a vulnerable Holy Land traveler led forward like millions before me going back centuries. Blessed. What other blessings awaited?







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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Easy Crab-Asparagus Pie

From the Kitchen of Marge Strano

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons butter or margarine,

½ cups milk

4 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 10-inch quiche or pie plate (deep dish).





4 ounces of crabmeat—shredded

¹/₄ cup Parmesan cheese (grated)

Freshly ground pepper

12 ounces fresh asparagus, cooked ½ cup chopped onion, cooked

1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Joselle Gatrell 443-271-0275

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Layer crabmeat, cooked asparagus, and cooked onion in the pie plate. Top with cheeses and season with pepper. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Cut in butter. Add milk and eggs; stir until blended. Pour over crabmeat, vegetables, and cheeses.

Bake about 30 minutes or until filling is puffed and knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Serve hot and enjoy.

LOCAL EVENTS

Talbot County: "Eating Easton" Food Tour on Foot: Fridays and Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.: tours begin and end at the Avalon Theatre, Easton: Eating Easton

Fireman's Carnival and Parade: The Sudlersville



Volunteer Fire Company (203 N. Church Street) in Sudlersville will hold its annual Fireman's Carnival and Parade on **July 17 - 19**.

Thursday will be Arm Band Night

and will also include a DJ and a baby contest; on



Friday there will be a corn hole tournament, DJ, talent contest, and fireworks; and the parade will take place on Saturday and winners of the contests will be announced. Call 410-438-3155 for more information. (<u>Tidewater Trader</u>)

Kent County: <u>Kent County Fair</u>: July 17 - 19: Kent County Ag Center, Chestertown: <u>Kent County Fair</u>
<u>Estate Treasures Sidewalk Sale</u>



Estate Treasures will hold a Sidewalk Sale **July 18 - 19**, 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: <u>Historic Annapolis Food Tour</u>: Fridays and Saturdays, July 18 – February 21, 2015: downtown Annapolis: <u>Historic Annapolis Food Tour</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>Twisted History Pub Crawl</u>: Fridays and Saturdays, July 18 – July 11, 2015: downtown Annapolis: <u>Twisted History Pub Crawl</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>Haunted Pub Crawl</u>: Fridays and Saturdays, July 18 – July 11, 2015: downtown Annapolis: Haunted Pub Crawl

Anne Arundel County: <u>Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Tour</u> (hosted by the Annapolis Maritime Museum): <u>Saturdays</u>, <u>July 19</u>, <u>August 2</u>, <u>16</u>, and <u>30</u>, <u>September 6 and 13</u>, <u>October 4 and 11</u> (rain date is the following Sunday): <u>Lighthouse Tours</u>

Kent County: "Christmas in July" Arts, Crafts, and Vendors Show: Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Betterton American Legion Post 246 (11 Sixth Avenue), Betterton: <u>Tidewater Trader</u>

Kent County: <u>"ShowStoppers II": A Magical Night of Broadway's Best</u> (to benefit Horizons at Radcliff Creek School): Saturday, July 19: Decker Theatre, Washington College, Chestertown: <u>ShowStoppers II</u>

Kent Island Volunteer Fireman's Carnival



The Kent Island Volunteer Fireman's Carnival will take place on **July 20 – 26**, 4 - 9 p.m., at Kent Island High School (900 Love Point Road) in Stevensville. This annual fundraiser for the fire department features games, special ride nights, and fireworks. For more information, call 410-643-5454. (QAC Tourism)

Talbot County: St. Michaels Fireman's Carnival: July 22 – 26: St. Michaels Middle School parking lot: Talbot Tourism

"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. 21 Horses will perform on **Thursday**, **July 24**, 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: <u>2nd Annual Dog Days of Summer Cruise</u> (to benefit the Anne Arundel County SPCA): <u>Thursday, July 24</u>: Annapolis: <u>Dog Days of Summer Cruise</u>

Kent County: Chestertown Crazy Days: July 24 – 26: Downtown Chestertown: Kent Tourism

Talbot County: <u>Kayak Trip: Sultana/CBMM Paddling Program</u>: Thursday, July 24: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Anne Arundel County: <u>Canines & Cocktails for a Cause</u> (to benefit Maryland Animal Sanctuary and Rescue and DonorsChoose.org): **Friday, July 25** and **Friday, August 15**: Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis: <u>Cocktails for a Cause</u>

Guided Kayak Tours

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

Saturday, July 26, 5 – 8 p.m. (Skill Level II – Intermediate)

Monday, August 11, 5 - 8 p.m. (Skill Level II)

Sunday, August 17, 1 – 2:30 p.m. (Skill Level I – Beginner)

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.

Anne Arundel County: <u>Mid-Atlantic Brewsic Festival and Fire Truck Show</u> (to benefit 77Rescue.org, the Annapolis Jaycees, and Make-A-Wish Foundation): **Saturday, July 26**: Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville: <u>Brewsic Festival</u>

Dorchester County: <u>Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta</u>: July 26 - 27: Hambrooks Bay, Cambridge: <u>Regatta</u>

Talbot County: 2nd Annual Drag Race for Talbot Hospice</sup>: Saturday, July 26: Harrison Street, Easton: Drag Race

Talbot County: <u>Watch the Log Canoe Races Aboard the Winnie Estelle</u>: Saturday, July 26: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Talbot County: <u>Cultures of Crabbing</u>: Saturday, July 26: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Virginia: <u>89th Annual Chincoteague Island Pony Swim, Auction, and Festival</u>: July 26 – August 1: Chincoteague, Virginia: <u>Pony Swim Guide</u>

2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner



The 5-course Farm to Table Dinner will be held on **Sunday**, **July 27**, 6 – 8 p.m., at Camp Pecometh (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville. Hear how Pecometh's efforts to model sustainable living are bearing fruit (and vegetables!). The menu is crafted by Chef Chris Shultz to showcase produce from the Pecometh garden and from other local suppliers. Tickets are \$50

per person, and the proceeds help support Pecometh's sustainable garden. Tickets are limited – call 410-558-1331 for tickets and for more information.

Caroline County: <u>12th Annual Chrome City Ride</u> (to benefit the non-profit Benedictine Foundation): **Sunday, July 27**: Benedictine School, Ridgely: <u>Chrome City Ride</u>

Kent County: <u>Family Portraits</u> (a portion of the \$40 fee to benefit the Kent and Queen Anne's Rescue Squad): **Sunday, July 27**: Chestertown: 443-880-4180 & <u>Tidewater Trader</u>

Workshop: "String Beans Pressure Cooking"



The Queen Anne's County Extension Service will host a workshop on "String Beans Pressure Cooking" on **Friday, August 1**, 1-4:30 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. The cost is \$35. Seating is limited – you must register by **Monday, July 28**, by calling 410-758-0166. (<u>Tidewater Trader</u>)

Anne Arundel County: <u>69th Annual Annapolis Rotary Club Crab Feast</u>: Friday, August 1: Navy-Marine Corps Stadium, Annapolis: <u>Crab Feast</u>

Caroline County: <u>54th Annual Wheat Threshing</u>, <u>Steam and Gas Engine Show</u>: <u>August 1 – 3</u>: Federalsburg: <u>Eastern Shore Threshermen</u>

Talbot County: 3^{rd} Annual Great Chesapeake Balloon Festival (to benefit Talbot County Paramedic Foundation): August 1-2: Easton: Great Chesapeake Balloon Festival

Annual Peach Festival



Kent Fort Farm (135 Eastern Lane) in Stevensville will hold a Peach Festival on **Saturday**, **August 2**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. There will be U-Pick fruit and vegetables, free hayrides, pit beef, hot dogs, homemade peach ice cream, crafters, and a children's activities tent. Admission to the festival is free. For more information, call 410-643-1650 or email kentfort@crosslink.net. (QAC

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Anne Arundel County: <u>39th Annual Eastport Peach Festival</u>: Saturday, August 2: Eastport United Methodist Church, Annapolis: What's Up Magazine - Peach Festival

Anne Arundel County: <u>Chesapeake Pride Festival</u>: **Saturday, August 2**: Mayo Beach Park, Edgewater: What's Up Magazine - Festival

Caroline County: <u>Guided Canoe Trip along Watts Creek</u>: Saturday, August 2: Martinak State Park Nature Center, Denton: Pre-registration: call 410-820-1668

Kent County: <u>3rd Annual Cash Bash</u> (to benefit the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company): **Saturday, August 2**: Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Rock Hall: <u>Cash Bash</u>

Talbot County: <u>Working with Wood</u>: Saturday, August 2: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Talbot County: <u>Talent "For Shore"</u>: Auditions: <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 2</u>; Competition: <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 3</u>: St. Michaels High School Auditorium, St. Michaels: <u>St. Michaels Community Center</u>

"National Night Out"



The Town of Centreville will host "National Night Out" on **Tuesday, August 5**, 6-9 p.m., on Lawyer's Row as part of National Night Out Against Crime. The event will feature games, prizes, balloons, hot dogs, and popcorn. (QAC Tourism)

Exhibit: "No Holds Barred – Avant Garde"



The Kent Island Federation of Art (KIFA) (405 Main Street) in Stevensville will host an exhibit "No Holds Barred – Avant Garde" **August 6 – 30**. Non-traditional artists will show their work. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m. (QAC Tourism)

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, July 16**, and **Wednesday, August 6**, 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. (<u>Library Calendar</u>)

Caroline and Dorchester Counties: <u>Caroline-Dorchester County Fair</u>: August 6 – 9: 4-H Park, Denton: 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. *Milkshake* will perform on **Thursday**, **August 7**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Chesapeake Heritage and Visitor Center (425 Piney Narrows Road) 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)

Caroline County: <u>Fiber Fest 2014</u>: August 7 - 9: The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore, Denton: <u>Fiber Fest</u>

Talbot County: <u>Tred Avon Players present "Curtains"</u>: select dates, August 7 – 24: Oxford Community

Center, Oxford: Tred Avon Players

Talbot County: <u>52nd Annual Cordova Country Fair</u>: August 7 – 9: Cordova Firehouse, Cordova: <u>Talbot</u>

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Caroline County: Adkins Arboretum Events:

• Jewelry Workshop: **Friday, August 8**: Jewelry Workshop

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.

Kent County: Pirates and Wenches: August 8 - 10: Rock Hall: Pirates and Wenches

Talbot Tourism: Oxford Regatta: August 8 – 10: Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford: Talbot Tourism

Wicomico County: 4th Annual Art in Nature Photo Festival: August 8 - 10: The Ward Museum, Salisbury:

Art in Nature Photo Festival

Dorchester County: 35th Annual Seafood Feast-I-Val: Saturday, August 9: Sailwinds Park, Cambridge:

Seafood Feast-I-Val

Kent County: Ride to See (to benefit Galena Lions Club): Saturday, August 9: Galena Elementary School,

Galena: Ride to See

Talbot County: Star Spangled Celebration: Saturday, August 9: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St.

Michaels: CBMM Calendar

Centreville Old Car and Truck Show



The Town of Centreville will host the <u>Centreville Old Car and Truck Show</u> on **Sunday, August 10**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., on the grounds of the Queen Anne's County High School (125 Ruthsburg Road) in Centreville. The event is free to the public. All proceeds will help repair the headstones that have no one to care for them at Chesterfield Cemetery. In addition to the cars and trucks, there will be music, food (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks) offered by the Boy Scouts of America. For

more information, contact Bill Sharp, 410-758-1220.

Talbot County: 5th Annual Watermen's Appreciation Day and Crab Feast: Sunday, August 10: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: Watermen's Appreciation Day

Queen Anne's County Fair



The Queen Anne's County Fair will take place August 11 – 16 at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be fun for the whole family including livestock shows, a rodeo, food and entertainment, 4-H exhibits and demonstrations, and so much more. See the website for a complete schedule of events.

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, August 13**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: "Blue Crabs." 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 to knelson@bayrestoration.org. (S'mores and Stories)

Caroline County: <u>26th Annual Caroline Summerfest: Cruisin' Back to the 50's"</u>: August 15 - 16: Denton: Summerfest

Millington Day



The Sassafras River Business Council presents Millington Day on **Saturday, August 16**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be a parade, craft show, car show, live music, food, vendors, and more. (<u>Tidewater Trader</u>)

Anne Arundel County: <u>Silopanna Music Festival</u>: **Saturday, August 16**: Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville: <u>Silopanna Music Festival</u>

Caroline County: <u>17th Annual Choptank Rivah Run</u>: <u>Saturday, August 16</u>: Martinak State Park, Denton: <u>Rivah Run</u>

Dorchester County: <u>Chesapeake Paddlefest</u> (to benefit Special Olympics Maryland): <u>Saturday</u>, <u>August 16</u>: Sailwinds Park, Cambridge: <u>Chesapeake Paddlefest</u>

Talbot County: <u>Two-Day Women's Woodworking for Beginners</u>: August 17 - 18 (advance registration required): Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels: <u>CBMM Calendar</u>

Bus Trip: "Jersey Boys" on Broadway



The Kent Island Senior Center will host a bus trip to see the Broadway Musical "Jersey Boys" on **Wednesday, October 1**. Winner of the 2006 Tony Award for Best Musical, "Jersey Boys" tells the story of how Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons went from being unknown New Jersey kids to international pop superstars. The show features over 30 beautifully sung tunes, including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Rag Doll," "Oh What a Night," and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You." The cost is \$155 per person (\$100 due at sign-up and remainder by September 1)

and includes orchestra seating, motor coach transportation, and driver's tip. Meals are on your own at planned stops. The trip is limited to 40 participants, and you must register in person at the Kent Island Senior Center (891 Love Point Road) in Stevensville. For more information, call 410-604-3801.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Adoption of the Declaration of Independence
- 2. July 2, 1976
- 3. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe
- 4. Bristol, Rhode Island
- 5. The Virginia Declaration of Rights

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