



LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!		
Richard and Diana Goldsby 119 Orchestra Place	George and Pamela Reich 111 Orchestra Place	Steven and Sharman Buckalew 110 Overture Way

MUSINGS FROM THE BOARD

Since the first Snow Removal Policy in 2009, the Operations Committee has fine-tuned the policy to where it is now. Our contractor, who is not guaranteed any payment unless he shows up to remove snow, is called out when we have at least three inches of snow (Centreville clears streets at 4"). Work is also segregated into three phases (We can opt for all, some, or just one – at the discretion of the Board liaison): 1) Clubhouse parking lots and sidewalks; 2) Unfinished roads; 3) Homeowners' driveways and walks from the driveway to the front door or on corner houses, the driveways and a short path from the front door to the street.

The contractor has been told to start clearing driveways at different locations in the community so that the same homes aren't last every time. The contract calls for calcium chloride to be applied when requested to driveways and walkways and rock salt for the roads. Homeowners who do not want chemicals applied should have a ribbon attached to their front lamppost (see Dennis for the ribbon). On a snow day, homeowners will be notified via email by the property manager as to which phase of snow removal, if any, will be done.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nancie Cameron, Arlyn Marshall, Mark Somerville

HOA MEETING DATES FOR 2015: Friday, January 30 @ 10 a.m., Thursday, April 30 @ 6 p.m.,
Friday, July 31 @ 10 a.m., Friday, October 30 @ 10 a.m.,
Annual Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 6 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants Committee – Ellen Norman, Chair

The Covenants Committee accomplished a lot this year. In July, we added Appendix H for Solar Panels to the Architectural Guidelines; however, this appendix was revised in October. Also added was the Modification Request Form for Solar Panels only. The former Modification Request Form remains in the Guidelines for any other requests in a new updated format. This month, Appendix I for Pergolas was added. Trellis and Arbor information was also changed and is now permitted. Please read the [Guidelines](#) regarding the installation of all of these changes. The Guidelines are now completely revised and updated. They should serve the community very well for the next several years.

Many thanks to the committee for their work this year, we reviewed 104 modification requests. Chris Pariseau, Committee Vice-Chair, deserves a lot of credit for the many hours he spent on the computer getting all the changes properly placed in the document. We thank the community for their patience as we worked our way through this process.

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

- **Holiday Happy Hour** – Saturday, **December 20**, marks the day for our annual Holiday Happy Hour, regular time 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. We suggest that everyone come a little more sparkly than usual and bring heavy appetizers and holiday desserts. Again, please make your food donations small portions for only 8-10 people.
- **New Years Eve** – Davis DeeJay's Colin will again be playing our songs for singing and dancing at the New Year celebration. We will be providing a champagne toast at the top of the midnight hour. The cost is \$12 per person to cover DJ, champagne, and incidentals. Bring a light snack or dessert. The party will start at 9 p.m., as this allows for dinner out (or in) and time to come up to the Clubhouse to share best wishes and a drink with your neighbors, or stay for the countdown of the passing of the old year and bringing in the hopes for the new.
- **Happy Hour** on Friday, January 2 at 6 p.m.
- **Lunch Bunch** – Thursday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m., at the Hunter's Tavern at the Tidewater Inn, located at 101 E. Dover Street, Easton, 410-822-1300. Please remember to sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse. If you need a ride or have a question, please call Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 or Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332. Join us for wonderful lunch and great company!



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- **Next Meeting** - Lifestyle Committee is Monday, January 5. Now is the time to sign up to be on the committee for next year. We need new members as well as established residents who have been on the committee in the past.

NIGHT OF LIGHT AND POT LUCK SOUP SUPPER

Once again our "Night of Lights and Pot Luck Soup Supper" was an overwhelming success. The feeling of camaraderie and holiday spirit filled the Clubhouse as we all enjoyed seasonal piano selections played by Barbara Taylor and Mary Parker. Many thanks to the over 230 Symphony Villagers who contributed by making their favorite soup, salad, appetizer, dessert, or bread. While it would be impossible to thank each person individually, the decorating committee would like you to know you played a very important role in making the evening a success.



Special thanks goes out to Jack Tominovich, our chief decorator, and his team of Symphony residents for their endless effort and attention to every detail. Each year Jack creates our centerpieces, swags, and wreaths. He never ceases to amaze us. Special thanks to Dave Peterson and his gang for giving us a beautiful light display, maintaining it, and taking it down (sometimes in the freezing cold while we all cuddle next to our fires). We also thank Marlene Tennier and Nancy Cotter and their crew for keeping everything moving along in the kitchen and at the serving tables. Ira Ehrenfeld brought his gregarious personality to the role of Santa Claus while making his list as to whether we were "naughty or nice." Cathie and Frank Spray and Arlyn Marshall graciously store material in their homes each year. It was a pleasure working together. Our thanks go out to all and we wish each member of our Symphony Village family a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.



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January 29th

January 29th: Card Party with silent auction & vehicle demonstrations

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Outreach Food Drive A Success

The Sixth Annual Symphony Village Food Drive sponsored by Outreach from November 12-16 was another success story. We reached our goal of 2,014 items of food to be delivered to Social Services for distribution to QAC residents in time for Thanksgiving. Many thanks to the families who collected,



boxed, and drove the food in caravan on November 17 to Comet Drive for delivery: Linda Blume, Teri and Jerry Nudo, Rosemary and Scott Page, John and Willie DiLaura, Jim and Carlene Cooke, Mary and Bob Ciesielski, Lloyd and Betty McAtee, Sue and Dave Peterson, Carol and Larry Hodges, and Jack and Joan Hennessey. The Hennesseys collected well over 500 items and their enthusiasm for this project is shared with our

entire community. We hope to involve even more of our families next year in this worthwhile endeavor. The need is great and our donation is one of the largest single offerings in the county. Many thanks to ALL of you who make this a joyful and meaningful event! --Loretta Quigley, Chair



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Thank You

Outreach would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to all the residents of Symphony Village who made the December 5, Happy Hour a success. As you may know, Sheehy Lexus provided a matching donation of the bar proceeds from 6 to 8 p.m. The donation to Outreach will be used to support other charitable organizations and programs within Queen Anne’s County.

The overwhelming attendance at the Happy Hour far surpassed our expectations. The generosity of our residents, particularly during the holiday season, is extraordinary and will provide valuable assistance to those in need.

Save the Date!

The Sixth Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party

(To benefit Rebuilding Together in Queen Anne’s County)

Sponsored by Sheehy Lexus of Annapolis

Thursday January 29, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at the SV Clubhouse

\$30 Donation per person (80% tax deductible)

Includes morning coffee & tea, lunch, and door prizes.

50/50 Raffle

Reserve a table on the sign up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse

(Deadline Friday January 23)

Payment by check is due at signup

If you need help getting a group together, contact:

Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238

Other questions, please call Carlene Cooke at 443-262-8146

Bring your own cards and games for your game of choice.

(Bridge, canasta, poker, scrabble, mahjong, etc.)

If you cannot attend the event, but would like to support the Activities of the Outreach Programs with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse, or mail to SVOPI, P.O. Box 642, Centreville, MD 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

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PUBLICATION & COMMUNICATION—*Carol Hodges, Chair*

Linda Blume, Vice Chair

Restaurant Review or Travel Article

The committee is seeking Restaurant Reviews. Should you visit a restaurant that you really enjoy, share your gastric experience with the Village. After all, eating out is one of our pleasures. The same goes for a short article on your travel experiences.

Recipes

Thanks to those of you who have shared a favorite recipe. Please feel free to share with the community when you get asked for a copy of your recipe.

Thanks

The committee wants to thank all of you who have made it a point to thank us for the work we do on the *Libretto* and the other communication activities that we do. The kudos are much appreciated by us all.

Next Meeting

All are welcome to visit our next meeting on Monday, January 5, at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS – *Linda Farrar, President*

Sneakers December Libretto Items

Sneakers would like to extend a sincere thanks to our residents for supporting our Santa Tree Giveaway for the children in need who attend the elementary and middle schools in Centreville. Your support provides jackets, hoodies, sweaters, pants, shirts, shoes, and toys to children who otherwise may not receive a single gift for the holidays.

The Cubby Chorale

The Cubby Choir from Centreville Elementary School conducted a short chorale program for the residents of Symphony Village on Wednesday, December 3. The program was well attended and a fun-time for all.

Kennard Elementary School Book Giveaway and Food Sorting

On Thursday, December 18, there will be a Book Giveaway at Kennard Elementary School. The signup sheet is in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. If you have a couple of hours to spare that morning, please sign up to participate in this rewarding program. Please remember that you should have attended the brief orientation conducted in October by a school representative. If you did not attend the orientation, we can arrange for a short orientation on another date.

On December 15 at 8:30 a.m. volunteers will meet at Kennard Elementary School to sort and pack food for needy families. You need not have participated in the orientation conducted by a school representative for this event. We welcome your help with this worthwhile program.

Next Meeting: The next Sneakers meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there.

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CLUBS AND CLASSES

DINING IN--Sunday, January 25 at 6 p.m.

Our January Dining In will be held at the homes of Jinny and Steve Guy and Don and Nancie Cameron. They can each accommodate 10 diners. I hope one of your New Year's resolutions will be to mix, mingle, and dine with us in our homes. You'll enjoy meeting new neighbors and old friends in this setting. It's a good chance to bring along your favorite side or try out a new dish for the group. Our hosts provide the main dish and make suggestions for side dishes. You will see the menu and suggested side dishes in the Activities Book.

Most Dining In events are held on the fourth Sunday of every month. A signup sheet will be at the Clubhouse two weeks before each month's Dining In, and a group email will be sent to the Symphony Village Group and all neighbors who attended Dining In before. This just helps to remind all that it's Dining In signup time. Call Nancy Pashby at 443-262-8757 if you have questions.

GAZEBO GARDEN CLUB & VICTORY GARDEN *by Jack Hennessey*

The biggest news from the garden is the lighting of the Gazebo and its Christmas tree, which, if you look closely, is actually our Gazebo martin house, cleaned out and spruced up for the holidays. Most of the lighting was dragged out of storage by Jack and installed by Dan Battista. Dennis provided funds for some new LED lights. Jack was the only resident to observe the gazebo lighting, which was part of the illumination ceremony. However, many nice compliments were paid by residents. We have even bigger plans for next year! While many dried flower seeds have been left to feed the birds, we have also installed a sunflower feeder and a thistle feeder. Jack is already collecting crushed eggshells, which will be provided for purple martins when the next nesting season begins. Two more residents have expressed an interest in the Victory garden for 2015. We do have room for two more gardeners.

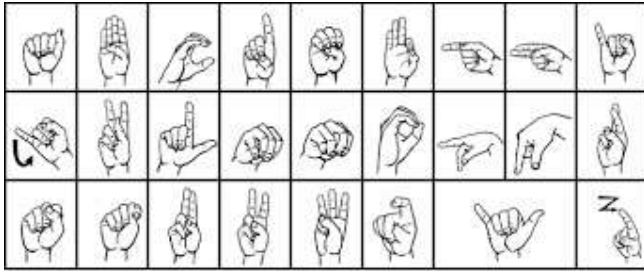
Last year, we had a sing-a-long at the gazebo, which several residents enjoyed. If anyone would like to participate in this activity, please contact Jack on 410-758-4872. Hot chocolate will be provided! Watch the weekly calendar for the date and time. Happy Holidays to everyone!

READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB – *Jack Hennessey*

The book for our November 18 meeting was *The Distance Between Us*, by Reyna Grande, recommended by the Centreville Library. It is One Maryland, One Book's choice for the year, to be read by every Marylander. This memoir is something akin to being the *Angela's Ashes* of the modern Mexican immigrant experience. It relates the difficulties and even heartbreaks of Mexicans looking for a better life for themselves and for their families. It certainly is timely, with all of the recent political maneuverings related to the immigration problem. Reading this book will give you a new, and probably sympathetic, perspective on the problem. The book received a rating of 7.6 on a scale of 1 to 10. Participants at the meeting enjoyed a dessert of peach tea and cookies.

The book for our January 20 meeting is *Lisette's List*, recommended by Jack Hennessey. This fictional novel is based on many historical facts, and author Susan Vreeland's love of painting is reflected in her meticulous research for the story. Some of the painters appearing in the novel include Pascal, Cezanne, Pissaro, Picasso, and Chagall. If you are a painting enthusiast, you will enjoy this book. All residents are invited to attend meetings, and to even join the Book Club.

BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE – Carol Hodges



Sign language will be continuing January 6. The class started in September, but it is not too late to start. At each class new words are introduced and old ones are reviewed. Students have a lot of fun learning. If interested, sign up in the Activities Book. For more information call Donna Donaldson 410-490-8050 or Carol Hodges 410-758-0591. It is recommended that you learn the alphabet before the

first class. There is a great resource in [Lifeprint](#) online.

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DECEMBER TRIVIA QUESTIONS --By David Gallop

1. What is the Maryland State horse?
2. Cat?
3. Boat?
4. Sport?
5. Drink?

(Answers on last page.)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2014 Symphony Village Chain Gang. Sixteen residents take turns working the sidelines at all the Queen Anne's High School football games. The nine residents wearing yellow T-shirts are original members and have been working the sidelines for six seasons.



Front Row: Bob O'Connor, Betty Lee (QAHS), Diane Briggs, Ira Ehrenfeld **Second Row:** Jim Halinka, Dan Battista, Skip Kornmeyer, Dominic Mancinelli, Paul Blair, Dennis Marchi, Dave Peterson, John Haines (QAHS) **Third Row:** Bob Offerman, Mike King, Rich Ryan, Bob Farrar, Ron Dillon--**Not Photographed:** Tom Scull

Queen Anne's Chorale: Spring Semester



The [Queen Anne's Chorale](#) will begin weekly Monday rehearsals on **January 5**, 7 – 9 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church (608 Church Hill Road) in Centreville. This is also an "open" rehearsal for new singers. No audition is held, and singers of all parts are welcome. New singers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. for orientation. A short reception will follow. Note: new singers are not accepted after January 5. The spring concert will be "The Glory of Love" to be performed on Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. For more information, call 410-739-1910 or go to the website.



A HEARTFELT & SPECIAL THANK YOU



Robert and I wish to thank everyone in Symphony Village for their prayers and support during the last few years of Allen's struggles. We are grateful for all your caring and generosity. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Gratefully, *Marion & Robert Beck*

Thank You

We honestly do not know where to begin. So many friends and neighbors have been so kind and generous with their time and efforts and help. You have been so wonderful throughout my recent back surgery and recovery. We really appreciate everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to come and visit me at Corsica and all the wonderful flowers, gifts, calls, and numerous get well cards. Paul and I became very spoiled with all the great meals from Neighbor to Neighbor and to the ones that made that happen.

But truly thank you for being such supportive and good friends. This is truly a wonderful community we live in. Thank you for being there when we needed you the most.

Sincerely, *Kay and Paul*



Dottie and I want to thank all from the bottom of our hearts for all the love, cards, gifts and prayers during Dottie's breast cancer radiation treatments. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful friends and neighbors in Symphony Village.

Dottie still has a way to go, but is improving. Again we cannot thank all enough. This truly is a wonderful, and caring community.

Love to All,
Dottie and Ron Dillon



Christmas Train Layout

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Calling all kids 1 to 102 years old. Again this year, you are welcome to come and enjoy a Christmas train layout at the homes of **Paul and Kay Blair (133 Encore Court, 410-758-2119)** and **Larry and Betty Gingerich (355 Overture Way, 410-758-3102)**. Please call before coming, and they will try to accommodate your needs. Santa's helper (a.k.a. Kay) will have cookie treats for good girls and boys. Open house will start Sunday, December 7, and run thru New Year's Day.

COMPUTER CLASSES AT QAC LIBRARY

The Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Library has announced four upcoming classes:

- **Thursday, January 15**, 10 a.m.: Windows 8.1: Complete Beginners
- **Thursday, January 15**, 11 a.m.: Intro to iPads
- **Friday, January 16**, 10 a.m.: Windows 8.1: Computer Users
- **Friday, January 16**, 11 a.m.: Library eBooks: Tablets

For all the details on these classes, go to [QAC Library Calendar](#). Space is limited, so please pre-register by calling 410-758-0980 or email info@qaclibrary.org.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 News

SV residents are cordially invited to participate in the following events:

- Friday Night Dinners:
Friday, December 19: Fried Oysters, \$15
Friday, December 26: No Dinner
- Ravens Football:
Sunday, December 21: Ravens vs. Texans, 1 p.m.
Sunday, December 28: Ravens vs. Browns, 1 p.m.



For more information on any events, call the Post at 410-758-3584 or go to [Jeff Davis Post 18](#).

ATTENTION: BARTENDER WANNABEES!




Everyone invited, 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of each month to tend bar at the Happy Hour. The signup sheet for January 2 through March 21 awaits you at the Clubhouse. Go ahead, you know you want to do it! Have a question? Email skornmeyer@msn.com or call 443-386-6553.

CRUISE SHIP TRAGEDY

Oceania Cruises said three people died on the cruise ship *Insignia* when it had a fire in the engine room while docked in St. Lucia Thursday morning. The ship was on a 10-day cruise that left San Juan, Puerto Rico on Dec. 7 and was scheduled to arrive in Miami on Dec. 17. Passengers, including Symphony Village neighbors **Trish and Art Radeff**, arrived in Miami early Friday, December 12. They said they heard an explosion and saw smoke; the smell was terrible and it was difficult to breathe. The rest of the cruise was canceled and charter flights were arranged to bring all 656 guests back to Miami. Oceania said it was also providing hotel accommodations in Miami until flights to the guests' hometown can be arranged.



We wish Trish and Art a safe trip home after this terrible tragedy.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH From the Kitchen of Victoria Weber

Chicken/Turkey Tetrazzini

Ingredients:

- 1 pound spaghetti, broken into pieces
- 3 (10 ½ ounce) cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 12 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese
- 6 cups boiled chicken or turkey breast meat
- 1 pound sautéed mushrooms
- 1 (4 ounce) jar sliced pimento peppers, drained
- 2 cups chicken broth (reserve for last ingredient added)



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add uncooked spaghetti (broken into thirds) to the pot and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente. Drain and set aside.

In a large saucepan, heat soup over low heat. Add shredded cheese (reserve ½ cup for topping) and stir together. Then add the cooked shredded chicken/turkey, mushrooms, pimento peppers and cooked spaghetti and stir all together. Add reserved chicken broth to make it "sloppy" and mix all together. Pour into a 9" x 13" baking dish. Sprinkle reserved shredded cheese on top and bake in a preheated oven for 30-35 minutes or until bubbly and then enjoy.

Watch closely so top looks brown but does not burn. (Use middle or lower rack.) Serves 12 to 15

RESTAURANT REVIEW--By Carol Hodges

El Jefe Mexican Kitchen and Tequila Bar



Feeling hungry and a little curious, Pat Scheirer, Larry, and I visited this restaurant for lunch. When we were driving by the Kent Island Shopping Center, we saw the sign for El Jefe's Mexican Kitchen next to the Sombrero Mexican Restaurant. We wondered how there was enough support for two Mexican restaurants in the same shopping center. We eventually learned that El Jefe's owner had bought Sombrero's and moved into the former Sombrero restaurant on August 25. They then remodeled two store fronts two doors down to make a

bigger place. The new restaurant space now consists of a large dining room and an adjoining bar. The décor is beautifully done and definitely makes one feel that they are in the heart of Mexico.

Each of us ordered from the \$7.49 lunch menu. Pat claims that her chicken taco salad bowl with refried

beans, black beans, Pico de Gallo, guacamole, sour cream, salsa, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, along with the pulled chicken was very good (with enough left for dinner). Larry enjoyed the Enchilada Mexicanas, which was two corn tortillas stuffed, rolled, and baked, topped with ranchero sauce and shredded cheese, and stuffed with taco beef. It came with a side of Mexican rice and refried beans. (He enjoyed it so much that he didn't save any for dinner.) I had the Pollo Fajita Salad Bowl, which had grilled chicken, sautéed peppers, onions, roasted corn and tomato salsa over the house mixed greens. I too enjoyed it and finished it. For beverages we ordered red Sangria, Dos Equis Lager on draft, and Negra Modelo in a bottle. We wanted to try the fried ice cream (or one of the five other choices) for dessert but had no room.

The menu has everything you would want at a Mexican restaurant including the addicting chips and salsa. They are open for lunch and dinner and "every hour is Happy Hour." [El Jefe Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar](#), 1235 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville, 410- 604-6796

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Christmas Open House



The Queen Anne's County Commissioners invite residents to their Christmas Open House on **Tuesday, December 16**, noon – 2 p.m. The Open House will take place in the commissioners' meeting room at the Liberty Building (107 N. Liberty Street) in Centreville.

All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast



The Goodwill Fire Company (212 Broadway) in Centreville will host an All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast on **Sunday, December 21**, 7:30 – 11 a.m. Cost is \$8. ([Tidewater Trader Events List](#))

Paint Brush Party



The QAC Arts Council will hold the next Paintbrush Party on **Friday, January 23**, 6 – 9 p.m., at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville. While sipping wine and listening to music, participants are guided step by step to create your own version of the evening's featured painting. No art experience required. Partygoers are provided with all the materials needed to complete a 16"x20" painting to take home. The cost is \$40 for Arts Council members and \$45 for non-members. Reserve a spot by calling 410-758-2520. Past events have sold out, so make your plans early.

To see a list of all the tourism and local attraction websites, go to "Event Source Links" on the [Libretto](#) page on the SV Website.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Thoroughbred
2. Calico
3. Skipjack
4. Jousting
5. Milk

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