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Symphony Village's Newsletter

MISSION STATEMENT: 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!



Charles & Barbara Ginns
231 Concerto Avenue

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BOARD REPORT

Revised Pool and Pool Operator Rules

[Pool Rules for Enforcement for Indoor, Outdoor, and Patio Area](#) was revised on March 17, 2017. Please go to the SV Website and read over the revised rules. There are some changes in reference to the use of the pool by guests and children. Residents using the pool must abide by the Pool Rules. In addition, there are rules and duties for the new Pool Operator. You can access the [Pool Operator Duties](#) and the [Pool Rules](#) by clicking on the highlighted words in this paragraph.

HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 10 a.m. Agenda available on [Governance>Overview Page](#)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Covenants Committee – *Chris Pariseau, Chair; Kathy Mizer, Vice Chair; Irene Hoffman, Secretary*

Our May meeting was a busy one with ten exterior applications submitted for review and consideration by the Covenants Committee. We appreciate homeowners abiding by the Architectural Guidelines as they help keep the community looking like it does. Remember that any landscape project you undertake on your property requires the homeowner to submit an exterior modification request.

There is a new awning sample book at the main office. The colors and patterns now give you a wider variety of choices from which to choose.

Another Reminder - Outdoor wood burning is not allowed in the community. We have had reports of some residents using fire pits in the rear yards. Wood-burning fire pits are not allowed in Symphony Village. Our homes are too close together and any live cinders can easily spread by the wind in this area.

As always, please consult the Architectural Guidelines when you are considering any project on your property. If you have any questions or are not sure, contact the Covenants Committee.

Lifestyle Committee - *Randy Officer, Chair; Susan Rayner, Vice Chair and Secretary; Mary Colling-Officer, Treasurer; Laura Bittinger, Correspondent*

If the cars in the parking lots and the lights burning well into the evening are any indication, we are a busy place! Your Lifestyle Committee is hard at work creating diverse, fun, and interesting activities to pique the interest of our diverse, fun, and sophisticated residents. Last month's activity highlights included a speaker, theatre trips, happy hours, movie night, and a Sunday Brunch. Upcoming summer activities will take advantage of our beautiful outdoor spaces and warm weather. If you're a frequent attendee at Lifestyle events, thank you. If you haven't attended an activity for a while or are new to the neighborhood, join us and make a new friend.

- Happy Hour - **Saturday, May 20, 6 p.m.**, Symphony Village Resident Art Show, Sue Canfield and Zina Lichaa, hosts. Resident artwork will be on display at the Happy Hour on May 20. Clubhouse artwork will be replaced with the masterpieces of your friends and neighbors. You'll be surprised by all of the talent within your community.
- Dental Health Presentation, **Wednesday, May 24, 6 p.m.**, Clubhouse. Holsinger and Higgins, DDS will discuss why oral health is important and can be an indicator of systemic health issues. Learn how your teeth and gums affect your overall health and what you can do to improve your dental hygiene. The discussion will also include the importance of your dentist being aware of acute and chronic illnesses, particularly in patients with cardiac histories. Sign-up sheet in Activities Book.

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- Movie Night, **Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m.**, Clubhouse, *Gifted*
- Memorial Day Picnic, **Sunday, May 28, 1 – 3 p.m.**, Clubhouse. Details and sign-up sheet in Activities Book.
- Happy Hour - **Friday, June 2, 6 p.m.**, *Starry, Starry, Night*, Susan and Larry Rayner, hosts. After sunset, turn your eyes to the sky with Larry, our resident celestial expert. Larry and several other residents will have telescopes set up for your stargazing pleasure!
- Lifestyle Committee Meeting, **Monday, June 5, 7 p.m.**, Clubhouse.
- Antiques Roadshow, **Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. - noon**. Todd Peenstra returns to appraise your treasures. One item per family.
- Church Hill Theatre, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, **Sunday, June 11, 2 p.m.** Reduced admission \$15/per person if ten people sign up. See Activities Book for details. Sign up by June 5.
- **Got Roses?** Rose care expert and speaker, Graham Muhler, **Saturday, June 17, 2 - 4 p.m.**, Clubhouse. See Activities Book for details and to sign up.
- Happy Hour, **Saturday, June 17, 6 p.m.**, Birthday Party for April - June birthdays, Zina Lichaa and Barbara Rosdail, hosts.
- Beatles Tribute Concert, **Saturday, June 24, 6 p.m. Social Hour, 7 p.m. Concert**, Clubhouse, Concert Hall. See Activities Book for details and to sign up.
- Movie Night, **Friday, June 30, 7 p.m.**, Clubhouse. Movie TBA next month.

LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE - GOING LIVE!

Please check out the new Lifestyle page on the SV Website. Thanks to our Lifestyle computer gurus and SV Webczar, you can view all events conveniently on the SV Website. Events will be added and updated regularly, so make it a habit to log in. Find the Lifestyle page on the [SV Website](#), log in, and click on *Lifestyle* to view the calendar of upcoming events.

HAPPY HOURS - HURRY OR YOU'LL MISS OUT!

A big *Thank You* to our recent *themed* Happy Hour hosts: Debi and Bill Wells and DJ Randy for Motown night and Nancy and Bill Paschak, Jessie Gibson, and Ron Peterson for Cinco de Mayo night. The community is still talking about how fun these evenings were.

It's wonderful to have these special Happy Hours, and we also appreciate the hosts who graciously volunteer for each and every Happy Hour. They couldn't happen without YOU! Only four openings remain for hosts in 2017...thank you for your enthusiastic response. Better hurry if you want to host! It's so easy and lots of fun. Remember, Happy Hour hosts and hostesses are able to drink for free and don't have to bring food. This is a very easy assignment and a great way to meet fellow residents. Please review the sheet in the Activities Book that includes the step-by-step guide. If you wish to select a theme, we will advertise it. You greet people as they arrive, enjoy yourself through the evening, and help with simple cleanup at the end. If interested, please sign up in the Activities Book or contact Carolyn Harty or Zina Lichaa to register. Lifestyle Committee members always attend and will help.

TRIPS FOR 2017

9/11 Memorial and Museum, New York, Saturday, October 14

Children 2-17 \$120 per person

Adults \$130 per person

Seniors (65) \$125 per person

Maximum capacity: 48

Trip includes Museum entrance and private guided tour, bagel breakfast, bus transportation, and all taxes and tips. You will also have time to explore the museum on your own before departure. Dinner stop on your own as we travel home. Departure at 6:45 a.m. from SV. See Activities Book at Clubhouse; payment in advance by August 1.

EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

- Let's Have a Luau, **Sunday, July 9, 4:30 p.m.**, Poolside, Clubhouse. Read upcoming *Librettos* for details.
- Thursday Poolside Breakfast throughout the summer
- Sunset Sail, Annapolis, **Thursday, July 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Enjoy an evening of local music with award-winning acoustic guitarist, singer/songwriter Derk Schwenk, while watching the sunset over the Chesapeake Bay. Read upcoming *Librettos* and check Activities Book for details.
- Jimmy Buffet Happy Hour, **Saturday, August 19**
- Ice Cream Social, **Sunday, August 20**
- Annapolis Trolley Tour, **Saturday, September 23**
- Fall Yard Sale, **Saturday, October 14**



GOT ROSES?

by Debi Wells on behalf of Lifestyle

Did you know archeologists discovered the fossilized remains of wild roses in Florissant, Colorado, that are over 34 million years old? Did you know the world's oldest living rose bush is thought to be 1,000 years old (it continues to bloom on the wall of the Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany)? And, did you know Shakespeare refers to roses more than 50 times throughout his writings? "So what"

you might think. What does that have to do with Symphony Village? Well, just look around you. We are filled with the beauty of roses ... or are we?

Has your rose bush become the largest plant in your garden? Or, the smallest? Are the thorns as large as the blossoms? Can you smell its seductive scent ... used by Cleopatra when she entertained her lover, Mark Antony? Whether your responses are yes or no, a presentation on the care of roses may be quite interesting to you.

Looking back at the Cinco de Mayo!



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On **Saturday, June 17, at 2 p.m.**, you are invited to attend a speaker event on rose types and how to care for them. This will include disease, feeding schedules, proper hydration, winterization, and much more. Informative handouts will be distributed. Have questions about your roses? Bring them!

The cost will be \$10/person. **Registration in the Wall Street Room Activities Book is required by June 1.** The speaker will be Mr. Graham Muhler, Director of Field Operations for the Velvet Touch Rose Care, located in Clarksburg, Maryland. Velvet Touch Rose Care is one of only two expert national rose companies equipped and trained to care for all of your rose needs. We hope you will join us!

Any additional funds collected over the presenter's fee will be donated to the 100 Entrepreneurs Foundation. 100 Entrepreneurs is a reputable non-profit created to provide seriously wounded service members, veterans, and their families with information and ideas for creating their own businesses and exploring civilian jobs after they leave the hospital. Initiated by its president and our neighbor, Bob Nilsson, the Foundation has helped almost 200 veterans to date.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Date: Saturday, June 17
Time: 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Location: Concert Hall
Speaker: Mr. Graham Muhler, Velvet Touch Rose Care
Speaker Fee: \$10
(Fees collected over the speaker's cost will be donated to 100 Entrepreneurs)

Special Storage Committee – *Joe Brown, Chair; Tony Loiacono, Vice Chair*

Building Expansion Project Update

On May 5, the final vote on the proposed Storage and Ballroom Expansion project was tallied—83% of the community voted with 165 in favor and 161 opposed. The next steps for moving the project forward will be discussed at the upcoming HOA Board Meeting scheduled for May 25.

Outreach – *by Bea Trotta, President*

Baseball BINGO in June



Come and enjoy the last BINGO before our summer hiatus on **Friday, June 9, 7 p.m.**, in the Concert Hall. This will be a special evening for all – wear your team's colors to participate in the “Last Fan Standing” game. Come early and get a hot dog (\$2) and/or a beer/soda (\$1) before the games start or wait until intermission for your refreshments. Additional special treats, in addition to “the usual,” will be available for purchase to benefit the Outreach Program at SV. Bring family and friends! There was no winner of the Jackpot in May; so, it will be \$250 with 58 numbers to be drawn.

Save the Date: Outreach's Fall Tea and Harvest of Fashions Show September 24, 2 – 5 p.m.



Where: The Milestone, 9630 Technology Drive, Easton (across from the Airport)

In addition to a delightful, traditional tea there will be raffles, door prizes, and table prizes....Bring friends, relatives, and young ladies (ages 8 - 17)....Tables will seat eight or 10....Let us know your tablemates and we will do the rest! Hats or fascinators are encouraged....a prize will be awarded for the most creative!

Donation: Adults: \$30....Young ladies: \$20

Tickets will go on sale the end of June....watch for the announcement!

Wine Glass Painting Party Friday, June 23



Symphony Village Outreach will be hosting a Glass Painting Party on **Friday, June 23**, in the Concert Hall **from 7 - 9 p.m.** \$20 for 1 piece, \$25 for 2 pieces. Sign up in the Activities Book. Checks to: SVOPI! There will be wine, cheese, lemonade and desserts to enjoy! Artist Heather Nate from Chestertown will teach us how to design our own glasses! She will have wine glasses, coffee mugs, beer glasses, water goblets, ice tea glasses, bowls, and salt and pepper shakers. She will try to bring a mix of different glassware from which to choose. Templates will be available so everyone can make beautiful pieces! If there is something specific you are looking for, please contact Sue Canfield at suecanfield20@gmail.com.

Publications & Communications - *Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair*

eBlasts

Several people did not receive the results of the previous vote on the Clubhouse expansion that was sent by eBlast. If you did not receive the eBlast, please fill out the subscription form on the [Directory](#) page of the Website. On the same page, there is an eBlast Archive to enable you to check to see if you have missed any other important announcements.

Lifestyle Web Page

A page on the Website has been dedicated to Lifestyle events. It is an up-to-date picture of what the Lifestyle Committee has planned for the residents. For more information contact Susan Rayner.

The names of Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members of SV Committees are listed on the Governance page of the [SV Website](#).

Sneakers - *by Linda Farrar, President*

Silent Auction - Sneakers will be holding its 12th Silent Auction at the Clubhouse on the evening of **Saturday, November 4**. This year we will have exciting themed gift baskets, numerous restaurant gift certificates, and new, interesting items you can bid on.

Our delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres and tasty sandwiches will be served. Also, an assortment of homemade desserts and a variety of beverages will be available. Look for more details over the summer.

Remember to mark your calendar so you don't miss this fun-filled evening. We will have sign-up sheets in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse in early fall.

End of Year Book Giveaways - OAC Schools - This spring there will be four End-of-Year Book Giveaways scheduled as follows:

Kennard Elementary – Thursday, June 1 - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Centreville Elementary – Monday, June 5 - 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Church Hill Elementary – Tuesday, June 6 - 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.
Sudlersville Elementary – Thursday, June 8 - 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

If you have an hour or two of time to help with these most worthwhile book giveaways, please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. You can sign up for just one day or more days depending on your schedule. We always appreciate your participation.

Next Meeting - Sneakers next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 17, at 3 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. This is a very important meeting, so please try and attend. We welcome new members to join us.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

The Cosmic Perspective - *From the Armchair Astronomer, Larry Rayner*

In late April, the Cassini spacecraft began numerous passes between the planet Saturn and its rings. One pass included a look back at Earth, 6 billion miles distant—a speck so small, almost impossible to see with the naked eye. The spacecraft will end its 20-year mission of exploring Saturn and its many moons this September. After its last pass through the rings, it will dive into Saturn’s atmosphere. The photo of Earth, taken from the perspective of Saturn, is offered here to remind us of how small we are within the Cosmic Perspective. That



little dot in the photo contains all the countries,

all their inhabitants, and all their problems as it journeys around the sun. This little speck within the cold vastness of space is the only warm home we have. Our present polarization only increases the separateness we have from one another. Through this perspective, it should motivate us to be more kind and understanding toward each other, to seek what we have in common instead of what divides us. For now, we are alone in the Cosmos.

We are on track to form an Astronomy Club in Symphony Village. We will host a Happy Hour on June 2 entitled *Starry, Starry, Night*. Residents who own telescopes are invited to support the observing session by bringing their scopes to the Clubhouse that night at 5 p.m. for setup. We may even have a prior practice night. Please contact Larry Rayner, 410-533-1706, if you have a telescope and would like to join in our poolside viewing on June 2 for a dusk-to-night, stargazing extension to the normal Happy Hour. We will be contacting everyone interested in joining this new club after you sign up during Happy Hour to let you know the date of our first meeting. We will begin our first meeting with a toast to the stars, keeping in concert with joining together to share light-hearted discussions of serious subjects.



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Bird Club – by Linda Blume



I see a lot of Chipping Sparrows here in SV, and they are here year-round and often sighted. The bird is smaller than a house sparrow and identified by its distinctive reddish cap and dark eye stripe. Their diet is mostly insects in the summer and mostly seeds during the rest of the year. They nest

in conifers and deciduous trees, and usually raise two broods per year. The female incubates the eggs, and both parents feed the nestlings. Their song is a loud trill and once you hear it while watching a bird, you won't forget it.

Book Club – by Jack Hennessey

The book for our April 18 meeting was *A House with No Windows*, by Nadia Hashimi, recommended by Lee Ettman. It received a rating of 8.0, on a scale of 1 to 10. The primary action takes place in a women's prison in Afghanistan. The lead character, Zeba, is accused of murdering her husband. We are introduced to her three cellmates who are all accused of sexual crimes. Zeba is defended in court by Yusuf, an American lawyer born in Afghanistan. The judge in the case is an Afghan woman! However, women are considered second class citizens in Afghanistan. There are many surprising events before the issue is resolved. Read this story for a night of adventure!

The book for our May 15 meeting is *The Power of One* by Bruce Courtenay, recommended by Jack Hennessey. The setting for the novel is South Africa, during the 1940s and 1950s. The story is told from the perspective of Peekay, a man who is reflecting on the events of his youth. The novel charts Peekay's life, from his ghastly experiences as a six year old in a boarding school to his chance meeting with Hoppie Gronewald, who instills in him the desire to become the world champion welterweight boxer (145 lb. limit). Another really interesting person he meets when he is only seven years old is Professor Karl Von Hollenstein, a fabulous botanist and a classical musician. The story is a little slow starting; but by page 200, you will not want to put the very long book down. It is a truly inspirational book! It has a happy ending, but not what you expect.

Lunch Bunch - Bea Trotta, Marge Strano

The June Lunch Bunch is scheduled for the [Carpaccio Tuscan Kitchen and Wine Bar](#) in Annapolis on **Thursday, June 1, at 12:30 p.m.** The [Carpaccio Tuscan Kitchen and Wine Bar](#) is located at One Park Place, Suite 10, Annapolis, next to the Westin Hotel. Carpaccio is well known for its awarding winning Italian food! Enjoy a delicious lunch and a great opportunity to stroll through the beautiful and scenic City of Annapolis. **Sign up online by using the [Lunch Bunch Sign-up Link](#). If you sign up online, please do not add your name in the Activities Book. Only sign up in one place.**

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Gazebo Garden by Jack Hennessey

As I type, the roof of the Gazebo is being replaced. All gardeners have saved their favorite plants. All remaining plants have been removed by the contract gardener, along with all of the timbers. The entire area will be sodded. Residents are invited to use the gazebo for summer picnicking. The Christmas decorations for the Gazebo have been saved and will be installed in time for the Christmas sing-a-long. Residents are invited to send Jack their favorite tunes to be added to our song-sheet.

HAPPY SUMMER!

Dining In – by Debi Wells

This month **Dining In** will be held on **Sunday, May 21**, to avoid a conflict with our community's Memorial Day Picnic that will be held on **Sunday, May 28**. As always, **Dining In** will be held at 6 p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Wall Street Room of the Clubhouse.



As many neighbors know, **Dining In** is a great way to meet your neighbors. If you haven't hosted **Dining In** in your home, it is fun. First, ask a friend or two to help, decide on an entrée, then let your guests know what to bring. All guests bring their own beverage of choice and part of the meal (a side dish, appetizer, or dessert). And, cleanup is so much easier with helping hands! The sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse designates who would like to host and who would like to be a guest. It's truly that easy.

Dining In is in search of a new administrator! Maybe you like **Dining In** the way it's already organized, or perhaps you would like to implement some changes ... by having an Italian month, Greek month, or, just appetizers! Think about the fun you might have by administering this monthly event. Please email if you have questions: debwells2011@gmail.com.

CERT by Debi Wells on behalf of the Symphony

Village Community Emergency Response Team (SV CERT)

Congratulations New CERT Members!

The Talbot County Department of Emergency Services Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program recently certified three Symphony Village residents, Cathy and John Olson and Mary Colling-Officer. Cathy, John, and Mary – **Congratulations and**

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thank you for all of your time and effort to become qualified and certified as CERT members for SV.

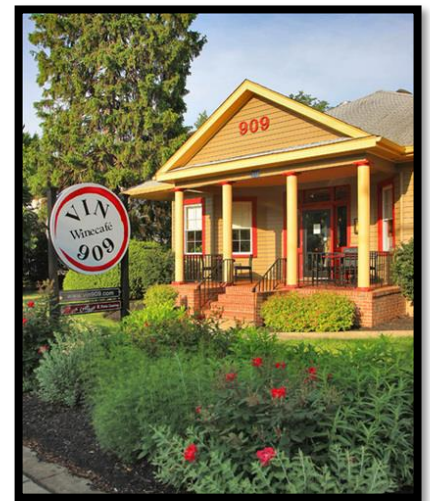
The Talbot County Department of Emergency Services CERT program trains volunteers to be prepared to respond to emergency situations within their communities. CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations. When emergencies occur, CERT members can give critical support before first responders arrive by providing immediate assistance to victims and organizing spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site.

While CERT members help to improve the safety of their community, they can never replace the professional training of a first responder. *So, always dial 9-1-1 in an emergency!*

Cathy, John, and Mary bring the Symphony Village CERT membership to an impressive total of 42 members. All are invited to attend CERT meetings. If you are interested in learning more and possibly becoming a CERT member, please feel free to email debwells2011@gmail.com for more information.

Restaurant Review— *VIN 909 Winecafé* – by Marge Strano

[VIN 909 Winecafé](#) is located at 909 Bay Ridge Avenue in the Eastport neighborhood of Annapolis. The restaurant is nestled comfortably in a residential neighborhood in a home that looks like it just might be your home with a beautiful front garden and a cozy front porch. The atmosphere is very casual; you can dine out on the front porch or in the back on a beautiful patio. You can also choose to dine inside at the bar or at one of the tables in the dining room. I enjoyed my first experience at the **VIN 909 Winecafé** in the summer of 2016 at the recommendation of friends. Seating is at a first come, first serve basis; you need to arrive early—dinner starts at 5 p.m.



Vic and I decided we would go to the **VIN 909 Winecafé** for a late lunch. We enjoyed a leisure lunch in a beautiful setting on a delightful Spring day. **VIN 909 Winecafé** prides itself on serving American food inspired by California's Mediterranean cuisine. The owner/manager and the Executive Chef have roots in Italy and New England. Many of the ingredients used to prepare the food are sourced from local, organic providers. The restaurant has a strong commitment to provide organic ingredients whenever possible.



The changing seasonal menu includes a variety of appetizers and plates such as the Roseda Farm Beef Sliders, Grilled Shrimp, Smoked Gouda Gnocchi, sandwiches, delicious vegetable sides, soups and salads, and outstanding desserts to top off your experience. The locally grown Mushroom Risotto is \$13. The Sweet Breads and Foie Gras is \$19.

The pizza is in a class of its own, hand formed and baked to

perfection in a brick oven. Each Eastport style pizza, priced from \$13 to \$19, has its own signature ingredient. Enjoy an outstanding Margherita with mozzarella and basil or perhaps an artichoke, goat cheese, and ricotta pizza. There is even a pizza topped with wild boar meatballs. Check the [Menu](#) online for a

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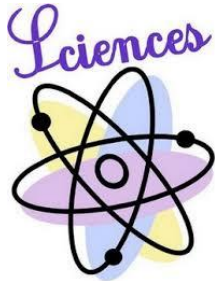
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wonderful variety of savory pizzas to satisfy so very many palettes.

The wait staff was accommodating, courteous, knowledgeable, and approachable. We were encouraged to take our time and enjoy our food out on the patio. The **VIN 909 Winecafé** lives up to its name by providing an excellent wine and beer program with a diverse list of 35+ wines by the glass (or by the bottle, if you prefer) and a selection of micro and European beers—check the [Wine & Beer Program](#) online.

Needless to say, we recommend the **VIN 909 Winecafé** for its excellent value and outstanding cuisine; the food satisfies a discerning palette in the comfort of a home away from home with a beautiful garden. If you plan to enjoy your next lunch at the **VIN 909 Winecafé**, check lunch and dinner days and hours online before venturing out.

Symphony Village Science Club (Est. January 2017) by William Frazier



One of the really great things about Symphony Village is that we come from so many diverse and interesting backgrounds in our former (and sometimes continuing) lives. Some of us have had careers in various scientific fields and one thing scientists like to do (a lot) is talk about science. We live in an era in which new and amazing discoveries are made almost weekly in many branches of science from medicine to psychology to ecology to mathematics and physics, including cosmology, a field recently in the news for the discovery of relatively nearby “earth-like” planets. Some of us have gotten together and formed a **SCIENCE CLUB** here in the Village to meet and discuss these current events. We are lucky to have some residents expert in several of these fields who can lead discussions of topics and educate us about their history and context. Our members post readings, references, slide shows and links about past and upcoming meeting topics on our [website](#).

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Our meetings are open to anyone interested in science and current science events. You don't need to be a "professional scientist," just a person interested in science. We even have a self-described "science groupie!" We meet once per month in the SV Clubhouse. If you would like to attend and/or have questions, please email Bill Frazier at wmafrazier3@gmail.com.

Zentangles – by Peggy Decker

Zentangles is a way to relax during the busy days ahead. Join a group of your neighbors who meet every Friday morning from 10 a.m. – noon in the Clubhouse Craft Room. We use pen, paper, straight, and curved lines as we let our imagination evolve. Others find themselves renewing young joys with colored pens, pencils, and maybe even paint using adult coloring books of their own choice and interest. It is a great reason to get out and enjoy friends with a lot of social chatter and laughter while using the right side of our brains. Come and see what Zentangles is all about. **NO** artistic ability needed.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CENTREVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE – Pat Fox, Commissioner

Everyone must have noticed that two new retail stores approved by the Planning Commission are under construction. This includes Dunkin' Donuts at the corner of Route 213 and Laser Drive (still no word on whether they plan to include the Baskin Robbins section) and Auto Zone adjacent to McDonalds.

I have heard concerns that Auto Zone may negatively impact Western Auto located on Water Street. Planning Commissioners can only evaluate a proposal based upon its adherence to the Master Plan and Zoning ordinances. Both documents define the type of uses that can go on a site and how they can be laid out. The Master Plan identifies residential, commercial, industrial, institutional/governmental, open space, and mixed use zones. The Zoning Code provides the physical criteria by which the development can happen – such as the number of feet of setbacks on the lot, height of buildings, etc. The Planning Commission cannot approve or disapprove the type of business. Let's hope they both survive.

You also may have noticed in the weekly *Update* newspaper that an assisted living/memory wing project – Edenton -- has been proposed. This would be located further in on Laser Drive – at the end of the paved area where the mountain of soil stands. A second phase independent senior living may be added in the future. The Planning Commission gave approval to their preliminary site-plan application; however, they need to return for final approval. I had to recuse myself from the vote, as the developer wants to have an opening through the tree line to connect with the asphalt pathway that SV is both liable for and responsible for maintaining. The HOA Board has hired an attorney to evaluate our responsibilities and liabilities regarding the path. This item is on the agenda for the May 25 HOA Board meeting.



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There have been several additional approvals of lot line adjustments to allow construction of new single family homes in various locations in Centreville. All new construction adds to the tax base of the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTREVILLE BRANCH OF THE QAC LIBRARY

- **Friday, May 19, 2 p.m.:** [Matinee Movie:](#) La La Land
- **Saturday, May 20, 3 p.m.:** [Crime & a Cuppa](#) (pre-register online or call 410-758-0614)
- **Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.:** [Pet-a-Palooza](#)
- **Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 p.m.:** [Genealogy and Local History Club](#)
- **Wednesday, May 31, 5:30 p.m.:** [Evening Movie:](#) The Space Between Us
- **Friday, June 9, 2:30 p.m.:** [Matinee Movie:](#) Hidden Figures

3rd Annual Flags For Heroes



The Centreville Rotary Club in partnership with Chesapeake College will host [Flags For Heroes](#) May 24 – 30, over Memorial Day Weekend. Two hundred American flags in “Honor of a Hero” will be displayed at the corner of Routes 50 and 213. This event is a fundraiser to support Rotary House (a joint Rotary and Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence endeavor) and QAC student scholarships. For a donation of \$50, you may honor a Hero by name or you may honor all men and women who have served our country. A “Roll Call” of all heroes will be published in a local newspaper. All donations are tax deductible with payment to Centreville Rotary Community Fund. Contact Villagers Bob Hardy, 410-758-0248, or Mike Olson, 410-758-1796, for more information or to contribute. The event is being held throughout the Eastern Shore, and every flag needs a sponsor.

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AMERICAN LEGION JEFF DAVIS POST 18

The public is always welcome to attend Friday Night Dinners at the American Legion, and the Post especially appreciates SV participation! Dinners are 5:30 – 7 p.m., or until sold out.



Upcoming dinners:

- **Friday, May 19:** The Sons of the American Legion host a Seafood Dinner (1/2 pound shrimp, 1 crab cake, 2 soft crabs, and sides): \$20
- **Friday, May 26:** Boy Scout Troop #464 host a Taco Dinner: \$10

The Post will then take a summer hiatus, again beginning Friday Night Dinners in September. Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.

CENTREVILLE LIBRARY PET FOOD DRIVE



The Centreville Branch of the QAC Library is having a Pet Food Drive **until Sunday, May 21**. Please drop off unopened and unexpired dog/puppy or cat/kitten food and treats. All donations will be given to animal rescue groups at [Pet-A-Palooza](#) on May 21.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 464 FUNDRAISER: ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO BAR



[Boy Scout Troop 464](#) will host a fundraising Taco Bar on **Friday, May 26**, 5:30 – 7 p.m. (or until sold out) at American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 in Centreville. The cost is just \$10 for all-you-can-

eat. This is the troop that has helped at Outreach events as part of their community service work, and troop members have also assisted a number of SV residents with work around their yard. Troop 464 serves boys in Ruthsburg, Church Hill, Ridgely, and Centreville.

LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY *by*

Betty McAtee



Don't miss your opportunity to complete your spring garden shopping at the nearby QA County Master Gardener Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 20**, at the QAC Extension Office (located alongside the Sheriff's

office) at 505 Railroad Ave, Centreville.

Open from 9 a.m. until noon, the sale will offer a selection of **herbs, vegetables, annuals, and perennials** at very reasonable prices. Trouble-free native plants, which attract beneficial pollinators, will also be included.

This sale is in conjunction with the University of Maryland Extension Open House. Any questions? Call Betty McAtee 410-758-2443.



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LEARN TO PLAY THE STEEL DRUMS - *By Joe Shanahan*



Community Steel Band
Chestertown Community Steel Band

Washington College in Chestertown is again offering a summer program for anyone who would like to learn how to play the steel drums. Like last year, the program will start after Memorial Day and practice will be held at Washington College one day each week during the summer. The college will supply the drums and music. We will eventually have a performance in September. Several SV residents participated last year; we all had a great time. Go to the link on the College website for more information: [Community Steel Band](#).

FROM THE KITCHEN OF SUSAN RAYNER Shrimp Creole

Ingredients

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| 4 cups finely diced onion | ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce |
| 2 cups chopped green peppers | 4 teaspoon Cajun spice mix—
reserve 2 teaspoons for
seasoning at the end |
| 2 cups chopped celery | 4 Bay leaves |
| 4 cloves garlic, minced | 4 dashes hot pepper sauce |
| 2 sticks of butter or half butter half olive oil | 4 lbs medium to jumbo shrimp |
| ½ cup flour | Pinch of salt |
| 5 (14.5 ounces) cans stewed tomatoes chopped with
juice | 4 chopped green onions |
| 3 (8 ounces) cans tomato sauce | Sprigs of parsley to garnish |
| 5 (8 ounces) cans seafood broth or stock | |
| ¾ (8 ounces) can chicken broth | |



Instructions

1. In a large saucepan, over medium heat, melt butter
2. Add onions, peppers, and celery to the pan
3. Season the vegetables with salt and 2 tablespoons Cajun spice mix
4. Saute the vegetables until wilted
5. Stir in the bay leaves, stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce, and garlic
6. Adjust seasoning
7. Bring the mixture up to a boil and reduce to a simmer
8. Simmer the mixture for about 15 minutes
9. Season the mixture with the Worcestershire Sauce and hot sauced
10. Whisk the flour and seafood broth together. Add the flour mixture to the tomato mixture and continue to cook about 4 to 6 minutes or until it thickens
11. Add the chicken broth
12. Add the shrimp to the mixture and continue to cook for about 4 to 6 minutes or until the shrimp turn pink and curl up. Stir in the green onions and parsley
13. Check the seasoning and add more salt and/or Cajun spice if needed.
14. Serve with basmati rice.



UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

15th Annual Senior Summit



The [Senior Summit](#) will take place on **Friday, May 19, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be vendors related to serving the senior population on the Eastern Shore. This year's theme is "Let's

Go to the Carnival," and entertainment includes a DJ, balloon artist, juggler, and face painter. Admission is free. For more information, call the QAC Office on Aging at 410-758-0848

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast



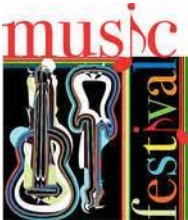
The Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in Centreville will host an all-you-can-eat buffet breakfast on, **Sunday, May 21, 7:30 – 11 a.m.**, at the fire hall. Cost is \$8. These breakfasts are held the third Sunday of every month except in the summer.

5th Annual Pet-a-Palooza



[Pet-a-Palooza](#) will take place on **Sunday, May 21**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the Queen Anne's County Library. The day will be full of activities for all ages. Visit with the dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, and bunnies up for adoption by local animal rescue groups. Browse the offerings of over 30 vendors who will be selling pet related and non-pet related goods. Hear talks by local animal care experts. Ask questions you may have about your pet. Vote for the winner of the pet photo contest and play Pet-a-Palooza "bingo" to win a prize. Go to the website for all the details on special events (e.g., Silly Songs with Sam and a Puppet Show), contests, and all-day activities.

36th Annual Bay Music Festival



The Centreville Lion Club will host the [Bay Music Festival](#) on **Saturday, June 10**, 2 – 9 p.m., at the 4-H Park in Centreville. There will be 12 bands playing on two stages, children's games and activities, a petting zoo, a moon bounce, Scales 'n Tales, food, vendors, and more. Tickets are \$5 each; ages 10 and under no charge. Purchase tickets at the gate, and parking is free. The event benefits Centreville Lions Club projects and the Wilmer Eye Clinic.

A Preview of the Chesapeake Storytelling Festival



The [Queen Anne's County Arts Council](#) will host a Preview of the Chesapeake Storytelling Festival on **Saturday, June 10**, 7 – 9 p.m., at the QAC Center for the Arts (206 S. Commerce Street) in Centreville. With a silly putty voice, hilarious heart-filled stories, and amazing mouth noises (arguably, the greatest whistler in the world) one-person-showman, Andy Offutt Irwin, is equal parts mischievous schoolboy and the Marx Brothers, peppered with a touch of the Southern balladeer. One of the most sought after performing storytellers in the United States, Andy is especially known for relating the adventures of his eighty-five-year-old-widowed-newly-minted-physician-aunt, Marguerite Van Camp, a woman who avoids curmudgeonship by keeping her finger on the pulse of the changing world around her as she seeks to grow – even at her advanced age – in the New South. Marguerite steps lively through this existence, loving as many people as she

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can. Tickets are \$10 per person for Arts Council members and \$15 for non-members. Call 410-758-2520 to reserve tickets.

Cardboard Boat Regatta



The [Cardboard Boat Regatta](#) will take place on **Saturday, June 10**, at Camp Pecometh Waterfront in Centreville. The event is a fundraiser for Haven Ministries. Registration is at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. is race time.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press “Event Source Links” on the [Sources](#) page on the SV Website.

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