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## **SYMPHONY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2021**

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

**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



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& Christopher L. Dunn (Son) - 310 Overture Way  
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### **2021 SV HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### **BOARD ACTION ITEMS JANUARY 2021**

**PAT FOX, PRESIDENT**

The following unanimous electronic votes were taken by the SV Board of Directors since December 4, 2020. These email votes will be ratified at the February 5, 2021 meeting and entered into the Board meeting minutes.

- Unanimously approved a motion on January 2, 2021, to allow a resident to install seven bluebird nesting houses along the north side of Pond 1 in the SV common area. They will be placed in the tall grass of the non-mowed area adjacent to the forest preservation area and Pond 1. The resident will be responsible for all expenses, installation, and maintenance of the nesting houses. In the event the

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VIRTUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

resident can no longer maintain these boxes, and unless another resident(s) agree to pick up the responsibility, the boxes and poles must be removed at originator's expense.

- Unanimously approved a motion on January 5, 2021 to hire OneScapes Landscaping for \$550 to remove fallen trees which are causing a damming of floating debris and diverting the stream leading to erosion and damage to the slope below Opera Court homes.
- Unanimously approved a motion on January 7, 2021 to have Anchor Aquatics, the SV pool maintenance company, order and install a new spa heating unit at the cost of \$12,180.
- Unanimously approved a motion on January 12, 2021 to make changes to the Interim Rules and Regulations for Use of the Clubhouse, Pools/Spa and Amenities requiring:
  - Face coverings to be worn while working out in the SV fitness center at all times
  - Face coverings to be worn on the indoor pool deck at all times. Face coverings are not required to be worn in the water
  - Residents are asked to limit use of fitness center equipment to 30 minutes when others are waiting.



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## A HUGE “THANK YOU” TO JOE BROWN, ARLYN MARSHALL, AND BOB NILSSON!

by Debi Wells, on behalf of the Symphony Village Board of Directors

Now is a good time to reflect upon those who have silently worked to support our community through a “different” kind of year, former Board members: Joe Brown, Arlyn Marshall, and Bob Nilsson. Each has worked for years (and one for over a decade; thank you, Arlyn!) to make decisions that have resulted in a successful community for *all of us*. In addition to the day-to-day decisions, these Board members were required to see the big picture and make smart long-term business decisions during a pandemic, a difficult year. These volunteers gave much of their time, energy, and commitment to our community. Not to mention their willingness to learn to Zoom! We applaud and appreciate Joe, Arlyn, and Bob! They have each made a big impact in the community.

Symphony Village would not exist as the active community it is today without the enthusiasm of volunteers. Our community welcomes and relies upon volunteers at all levels of experience, walks of life, and interests to help us to succeed! If you would like to meet more neighbors, have a little bit of free time, and like to team, please emulate the great efforts of Joe, Arlyn, and Bob – volunteer! If you don't know which community committee is best for you, visit each as a guest! You'll have fun, learn, and be appreciated.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### COVENANTS

VICKI KOBER, CHAIR

#### Covenants Information From 2019 Architectural Requirements

“To retain the beauty and the architectural integrity of the community, the Covenants Committee will evaluate applications for exterior modifications using both subjective and objective criteria. Each application will be evaluated individually and many factors will be considered including visual impact, neighbor privacy, lot size, and configuration. The architectural review process has been established to maintain the integrity of the architectural design character of Symphony Village. To this end, the Covenants Committee will review all proposed additions, improvements, or alterations on houses for conformity with the architectural requirements. Article IX of the declaration sets forth provisions with respect to the review process.”

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### LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

TOM MCMANUS, CHAIR

#### Here come the 17-year cicadas – what you need to know!

by Bill Wells, Tree Subcommittee



Do you recall when the cicadas were here last? For those who guessed 2004, you’re right! Well, it’s time again for the influx of billions and billions of cicadas! This year’s 17-year batch is being called Brood X. Brood X never really left us; instead, they’ve been waiting underground. When the soil 8” beneath the ground reaches 64° Fahrenheit and there’s a nice, warm rain, their emergence will often be triggered. Symphony Village should anticipate seeing them in May;

however, depending on the temperature, they may begin emerging in late April or early June.

Contrary to popular opinion, adult cicadas *do not* cause serious tree or plant damage from their feeding activities. The adults only live two to three weeks. And cicadas do not prey on other insects, nor are they likely to [bite](#) a person. They also do not suck blood, do not transmit any known diseases to people or animals, and do not possess the type of mouthparts that enable them to consume plants in your vegetable or flower gardens. So, for Heaven’s sake— don’t grab the insecticide! No need to waste your money and chance harming the environment! Instead, use this opportunity to listen to the males as they call the females for some tumbling fun in the trees, if you know what I mean. Or wait! Better yet, let’s do as Aristotle wrote, “*The larva of the cicada on attaining full size in the ground becomes a nymph; then it tastes best, before the husk is broken. At first the males are better to eat, but after copulation the females, which are then full of white eggs.*” Yes, folks we will soon have a treat that will not be available for another 17 years!

Cicadas are a gluten free protein and a rich treat that can be prepared in many ways. In Maryland, the tradition is to deep fry them until they float to the top. Then, scoop them out onto some paper towels (we don’t want too much grease) and sprinkle with Old Bay. Wow! Delectable! Many Marylanders say they taste like soft shell crabs with asparagus. In Jersey, they are known as “shrimp of the land” and the Department of Agriculture

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hails them as a good fat, high in calcium, iron, and zinc. Try them toasted with garlic, topped with salt and lime. and served with Oaxacan cheese and pickled jalapeños. So, don't just sit around this summer and be annoyed by this insect's mating calls (AKA: incessant noise). Grab a pot, experiment a little, and enjoy some yummy cicadas. They're free! Bon appetite, everyone! Oh yes, make sure you cook a cicada and not a locust. Don't know the difference? Well that's for another article.

**LIFESTYLE**

**MARY COLLING-OFFICER, CHAIR; JANET LEISTER, VICE CHAIR**

Happy New Year! A meeting of the Symphony Village Lifestyle Committee was held on Monday, January 4, chaired by Mary Colling-Officer. The committee welcomed veteran and new members and elected officers for the year.

The year 2020 wasn't all bad! In spite of COVID-19, the Lifestyle Committee, along with the help and support of Symphony Village neighbors, sponsored community activities and helped the Centreville community as well. Although it was a tough decision, the winners of the Home Decorating Contest were named and received cash prizes of \$50 for the first place winner and \$25 for the second and third place winners. CONGRATULATIONS to:



All cash prizes were donated to Crossroads Community in the winners' names. Thank you so much for brightening our community and the community at large.

For the first time during the holidays, luminaries donned the front sidewalks and flowerbeds of many homes in SV. What a vision they were! This activity raised \$470, which was also donated to Crossroads Community.

A Toiletry Drive was conducted in Symphony Village that resulted in a truckload of pillows, socks, toiletries, and food being collected and donated to Haven Ministries. Accompanying the donation was a check in the amount of \$2,875. Thank you, SV neighbors, for your generosity.

A very productive brainstorming session took place at the meeting to identify COVID safe activities for the year. Previously popular activities were suggested (e.g., food drive, movie night, cheeseburger in paradise) along with some new ideas that will foster neighborhood cohesiveness and fun!

Preliminary discussion is underway with Edwards Pharmacy to hold a COVID vaccine clinic on the grounds of Symphony Village. More information is to follow.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Lifestyle Committee or have any ideas that would help make Symphony Village an even greater place to live, please go to the SV Website to sign up or contact Mary Colling-Officer at [maryelizabethcollingofficer@gmail.com](mailto:maryelizabethcollingofficer@gmail.com).

## OUTREACH

SUE CANFIELD, CHAIR

### It's a New Year... Outreach Thanks You for Your Pop Tops! ,

by Loretta Quigley

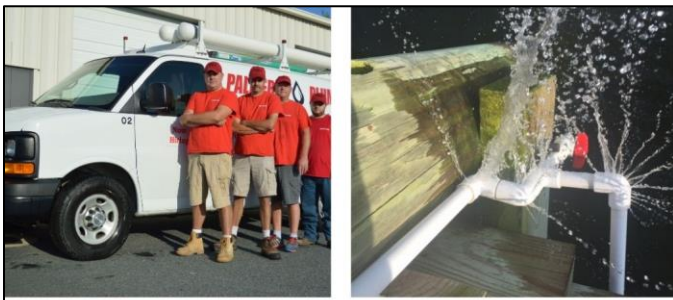
A hearty "Thank You" to all those collecting pop tops (pull tabs) for Outreach. We are partnering with the local Shriners group who recycles these for cash. The money is used to transport sick children and their families, at no cost to them, to regional hospitals for needed treatment.



If you would like to join others already collecting, it is quite easy to get involved. You will be surprised at how quickly you can fill a little bag! Please save the aluminum pull tabs from beverages, soups, fruits, vegetables, pet foods, tuna, and other cans that you dispose of.

You may **bring a zip lock bag, when it fills up, to the counter in the Craft Room** in the Clubhouse any time, any day. If you are not comfortable entering the Clubhouse yet, you may drop a zip lock bag between the front doors at the Quigley home, 509 Symphony Way.

Last year, the money collected regionally from the recycles was over \$30,000! It is such an easy thing to do, and we thank you so much for recycling with Outreach!



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**by Debi Wells, Former P&C Member, New Board Member**

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**Watch for New Residents**

With the pandemic it has been difficult to identify new residents. It is important that they be made known especially to management so that new information is received in a timely fashion. If you know of new residents, please inform management, Eileen Rowley, Welcome Chair, or Julia Detch, Welcome Co-chair.

**SNEAKERS 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**LINDA FARRAR, PRESIDENT**

The year 2020 was an unusual year for everyone, and those of us who work with Sneakers were a part of that. While we held no meetings, we still managed to communicate and accomplish some tasks. E-mail, texting, and telephone calls were our primary forms of communication. Although there were no formal fundraising activities, we did receive donations, both directed and non-specific, which we used for several purposes. While we did not work directly with our children, we provided assistance as we were able. The local backpack program needed funds, so we provided donations for them. When a local school needed Chromebooks for some pre-K students, Symphony Village residents contributed generously to provide several devices. During the late fall and early winter, our Santa Tree program was exceptionally well supported with both gifts and generous financial donations. We “adopted” 12 families initially, which grew to 14 after emergency appeals from the schools we support, and included over 35 children. In looking back, it is incredible to consider what Sneakers was able to accomplish in a very challenging year.

Hopefully, with the vaccines reaching more and more people, it will soon be possible for schools to get back to safe in-person teaching. While we will probably not be able to be in the schools the remainder of this school year, we will be looking for new and different ways to provide support to them.




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## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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### BICYCLE CLUB

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#### SV Bikers

by Loretta Quigley

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Day cycling event, "I've ridden my bike every day this year," was held at the Clubhouse at 11 a.m. on January 1. Eight riders braved the weather and made a circuit of SV to complete this special ride. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was an outdoor activity only, and no refreshments were served this year.



Tom Meringolo, Tom Taylor, Steve Quigley, Bill Rowley, George Drake,  
Norman Bossie, Lloyd McAtee, and Bob Amsel

### BIRD CLUB

LINDA BLUME

#### Bird Club Walk

A small contingent of our group walked around Pond #1 in late December, seeing a variety of birds and enjoying just being outside. Should January weather permit, I will schedule another walk in SV.

[Winter Delmarva Birding Weekend](#) will take place **January 29 – 31**. On a variety of driving/hiking tours and boat tours, participants will have the opportunity to see waterfowl, sea birds, shore birds, raptors, and seals. Go to the website for complete details about what is being offered during the weekend; you must preregister and prepay on the website. COVID-19 guidelines will be in place.



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**PICKLEBALL NEWS ...COME ON SPRING!**

**ROSEMARY ROSENBERGER**



The winter chill has set in and play has been somewhat limited. We watch the weather daily and have managed to get in a few outings to enjoy some play.

For those die-hard players, we will attempt to play (weather permitting and temps above 50 °), as follows:

**Every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.**

**NOTE: If the temperature is below 50° we will not play.**

As always, you can gather a group of your fellow SV friends and play on the courts during unscheduled play times. You must bring your own balls for play.

Remember, even though it is cold outside, you can practice some indoor drills!





These drills will help your hand/eye/ball coordination and it is good practice to prepare for spring play.

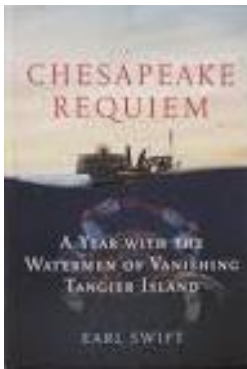
- Take your paddle and a ball and hit the ball up in the air LIGHTLY as many times as you can without it hitting the ground.
- Do the reverse and hit the ball on the ground with your paddle as many times as you can.
- Once you've mastered each way above, use the "flip" method. Hit one up, turn your paddle, and hit one down. Repeat as many times as you can.

I can't wait for the spring weather to return so we can get more regular play underway. But until then, whatever it is that you choose to do, enjoy your January 2021 in our beautiful Symphony Village! Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns!

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## READING FOR FUN – DECEMBER 2020 REVIEW

JOE SIKES, CHAIR



The SV Book Club met virtually on December 15 to discuss *Chesapeake Requiem, A Year with the Watermen of Vanishing Tangier Island* by Earl Swift. Beaming in on Zoom were: Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Bob Nilsson, Jim & Kathryn Buckheit, Sue Goldberg, JoAnn Walker, Peggy Decker, Cathy Olson, DeAnn Cheyne, Diane Briggs, and Mary Jo Volpicelli.

Tangier Island is near the Maryland/Virginia state line and can be reached by ferry from Crisfield, Maryland. The Book Club chose the book to learn more about a unique crabbing community in Maryland, both historically and in our current events. It also offers an intriguing field trip possibility when the weather is warmer, and Mr. Vaccine rescues us from the Corona monster. The author, Earl Swift, spent two years researching and living

among the watermen of the island.

Tangier Island faces an existential threat of disappearing into the Chesapeake Bay. In 2015, a study conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers, using maps dating to 1850, concluded that the island had shrunk from 2,163 acres to 789 acres since then. The study projected that the island would be lucky to survive for another 50 years. Mayor Ooker Eskridge sees this as a result of erosion and focuses on trying to get funding for seawalls and replacement of eroded sections of the island. The author points out that a combination of sea level rise, subsidence, and erosion work together to cause the loss, but what the islanders see is the erosion.

The island was first settled in 1788 and the islanders that are described in the story are almost all descendants of this very insulated society. Many go back seven or eight generations and are concerned about lack of a younger generation to follow them. The current population of 481 is down from 604 in 2000. The local high school class of 2020 only had one member. The main economy of the island changed from oysters to crabs in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and it remains so to the present. But it is demanding work and the author provides firsthand stories from residents about challenges faced as they go about their daily lives.

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The book will teach you everything you can imagine about crabs, their life cycle, and how they are harvested by the crabbers of Tangier Island. There are interesting historical sidebars as well. In 1807, Thomas Crockett attended a Methodist camp meeting on the Eastern Shore and was so impressed with the enthusiastic worship that he organized meetings on Tangier Island. These annual meetings became a staple of early Methodism in Maryland and the island's two churches remain Methodist today.



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During the War of 1812, Admiral George Cockburn used the island as a base of operations for the British fleet. In 1814, he launched the invasion of Washington from Tangier Island and returned after burning the U.S. Capitol. The ease of the victory caused him to launch an attack on Baltimore but, as F. Scott Key wrote, "The flag was still there!" Unfortunately, this early victory of Baltimore over a team from England has been difficult to repeat in recent years when contests involve teams from New England.

Generally, the Book Club learned many interesting facts in **Chesapeake Requiem**, but the detail and repetition made the book a challenging read. Many of the club members, myself included, were unable to complete the book. While the author's writing was appreciated, the amount of detail was somewhat overwhelming and gave it the feel of reference book to some degree. The club graded the book at 6.7 out of 10.

Upcoming books are listed below. We plan to continue meeting virtually, using Zoom technology until normalcy returns. Pants remain optional. Invitations will be sent directly to those wishing to attend. If you wish to participate, contact me at: [sikes.withers@yahoo.com](mailto:sikes.withers@yahoo.com)

January 19 -- *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

February 16 -- *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

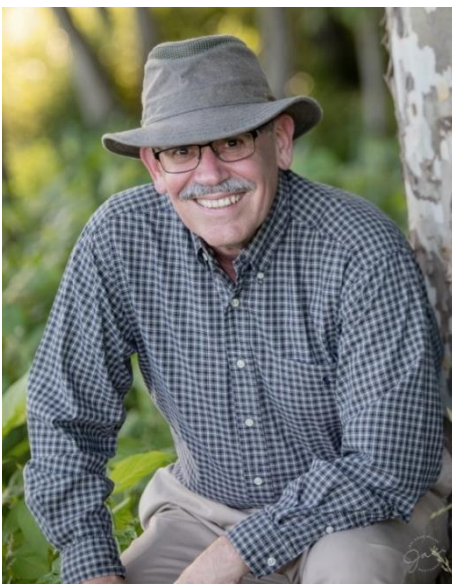
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOR, LEN SALTIEL

DEBI WELLS, P&C LIAISON



We all know at least one proactive person who is willing to take the initiative to make things happen. However, if we're very fortunate, we also get to know a proactive person who is gifted and even motivated by creativity and change. For these reasons, please meet Len Saltiel, this month's 'Neighbor of Note.' While some of us may know Len from various committee meetings, most residents know his name through his photography. Recently featured on the Symphony Village Website, Len's photos of our community's homes, decorated for Christmas, was a welcomed, cheerful expression of the season.

Len's inspiration for his photographs stem from his love of travel (especially photographic tours) and landscapes. Among his favorite places to visit and photograph is the resort town of Banff in the Province of Alberta, Canada, located within Banff National Park. According to Len, there is nothing that compares to waking at 3:30 a.m. to be on-site for a photograph at sunrise. The serene environment, with birds chirping, wind blowing, and few other people promotes creativity. All of Len's



creativity is a very different side of him than was his corporate career path.

With an accounting degree from Rutgers, Len was corporate-bound upon graduation. His goal was to be a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of a company. However, Len soon discovered careers are often an ongoing process through which a person evaluates their abilities and interests, assesses, considers alternative opportunities, and, most of all, understands what they want. Len wanted to run operations and customer relations. Consequently, he negotiated for the position he wanted: to manage investment operations, technology, and people. After 27 years in the Hartford, Connecticut, area Len and his wife, Carol, decided to move farther south, to be closer to family. While Len thought the mountains would be a great place to live, we have Carol to thank for researching and finding our community instead.

This past April, Len and his wife moved to Symphony Village. While coronavirus has gripped the USA since last March, Len and Carol decided moving here during a pandemic was more than doable. In fact, for Len it was just another way to be characteristically proactive and welcoming of change! Since living in Symphony Village, Len has been instrumental to update and work on the Community's Website. He's been canvassing committees and HOA staff for input. With a keen eye for design and detail, Len has been drafting the new Website with his creative and organizational abilities to make it easier for residents to find information and forms. The Publications & Communications Committee is especially applauding his efforts, with his new home page, updated photo gallery, and some updated Committee pages.

Len is known by his friends as "a wise guy with a heart of gold." For those of us who've had the pleasure to get to know him, we agree! Len and his wife, Carol, are a welcome addition to Symphony Village, and we look forward to spending more time with them this year. Len, thank you for all you are doing for our community

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## CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

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### The Maryland Museum of Women's History Exhibit



The [Maryland Museum of Women's History](#) in Centreville will host its first major exhibit, "Enslavement to Emancipation: Voices Not Heard," on **January 15 – February 28**. Due to COVID-19, the exhibit will begin first as a virtual exhibit.

At the heart of the exhibit are five major plantations that surround Centreville: Reed's Creek, Peace & Plenty, Bloomfield, Poplar Grove, and Locust Hill, and the enslaved persons who maintained the houses and the fields. The Maryland Museum of Women's History is located on the land of Locust Hill Plantation. Go to the website for more information and to view the virtual exhibit.

### Upcoming Events "at" the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library

- **Monday, February 8,** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.: [Take Home Kit: Lavender Bath Salts](#) (Pick up the kit at the library) (Preregister on the website) (\*)
- **Monday, February 22,** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.: [Take Home Kit: African Print Fabric Bracelets](#) (Pick up the kit at the library) (Preregister on the website) (\*)

Note: Please confirm that the event is still scheduled before going to the library. Just check the indicated web page above.

(\*) The Take Home Kit events fill up fast – preregister as early as possible.

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## TOWN OF CENTREVILLE GOVERNMENT NEWS AND COMMENTS

BY TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER BOB HARDY

Happy New Year!! 2021 – Year of Hope and Kindness

I hope everyone is having a safe and healthy start to 2021 and had an enjoyable Christmas and Holiday season. I hope everyone had an opportunity to go to "downtown" Centreville and see and enjoy the Christmas and Holiday Season decorations and the beautiful Christmas Tree. Again, thanks to the Town of Centreville Operations, Kip Matthews and his crew, and then the Legacy Foundation, "Joy of Light" Festival, with Murdoch Florist and many volunteers who have helped to decorate the town for the holidays! In this time of pandemic, it is so wonderful to see everyone come together to start the celebration of the Holiday Season.



The Town Council of Centreville and the Centreville Park Advisory Board would like to thank all groups who participated in this year's Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Lawyers Row looked fantastic, and we thank you for your time and participation. We would like to recognize these groups for their tremendous effort: Girl Scout Troop 414, Wye River Upper School, Girl Scout Troop 219, Girl Scout Troop 946, Ravens Roost #142, Girl Scout Troop 446, Girl Scout Troop 591, Day Care, Inc., and Girl Scout Troop 1271.

Also, congratulations are in order for the *NEW Town of Centreville Police Officer, Christopher Tyler Clagett*. He is a very experienced police officer coming to work in his hometown after having served with the Easton, Maryland police department. Welcome, Officer Clagett.

**Seven new business actions** were also introduced at the December 17, 2020, meeting:

- FY2020 Audit - the audit results showed no discrepancies.
- 6-month Budget Update was reviewed for Revisit Budget Items (primarily of operational in nature; totaling \$77,692), which passed unanimously.
- Resolution 11-2020; Permit/Development Review Fees – The new fee structure was updated for the first time in almost 20 years, which the Town Staff had been working on for a few years.
- Ordinance 11-2020; Text Amendment: Museums in the R-2 Zoning (First Reading) with second reading at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Resolution 13-2020; Charter Amendment: Town Council Member Vacancy
- Presentation on Centreville Police Department Restructuring Request by Chief Joseph Saboury:
  - Facility/Police Department Building;
  - Salary Comparison (to enable Centreville Police Department to retain and compete for personnel with surrounding allied law enforcement agencies);
  - Retirement (complete an actuary study for Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System); and
  - Reorganize Police Department by removing existing part-time Parking District Enforcement Officer and adding a full-time Administrative Assistant
- Lumec Bollard Lights for the Centreville Wharf Dock were approved (cost of \$11,172).

**HR Director reported** that FY 2020/21 revenues were better than expected growth and the Council approved a one-time bonus of \$1,200 and a cost-of-living increase (COLA) of 1% of salary or \$500.00, whichever is greater for the Centreville employees.

**Director of Public Works reported** that fiber optics were being installed in the Northbrook community; that final paving in Northbrook community was completed; and that individual citizens can report a street outage directly to Delmarva Power on-line. A simple link is available only requiring the location of the streetlight, <https://www.delmarva.com/Outages/ReportAnOutage/Pages/ReportStreetLightOutage.aspx>

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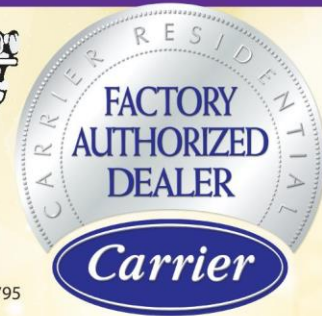
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