



by Len Saltiel

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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!



Michael and Ann Grace
125 Encore Court

Henry and Kimberly Basta
210 Harmony Way

SV HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE – MARCH 2023

DEBI WELLS, SECRETARY

We wish to thank all who attended the March 3 Symphony Village Homeowners Association (SV HOA) meeting via Zoom or in-person. If you were not available to attend, these are the highlights.

BILL RIDGWAY’S PRESIDENT’S REPORT -- OUR IRRIGATION INVESTMENT: Let’s take a short dive into our HOA irrigation system. We typically spend \$100K annually for system maintenance and repairs plus additional funds from Reserves for component replacements. The 2023 Reserve Study will need to forecast future replacement expenses.

First, some opening credits. Jim Arnts and Tom McManus gathered design plans and operational instructions while the developer was closing out the community. Many of those documents are still available on Irrigation pages on our website. More recently, Tom McManus headed the Landscape and Irrigation Committee and took the initiative to understand and monitor our system performance. He has now passed the reins to Joe Wharton and others on the Committee who are supported by Nick Oliver in day-to-day operations.

So, what does the system look like? We manage four operational pumps in wells 1–4. Originally there were five. Pumps are controlled by two variable frequency drives that maintain water pressure and smooth pump performance to minimize pressure shocks along the pipes. Mainline pipes run along the SV perimeter, Symphony Way, and some backyard swales. Water distribution is scheduled by a Tucor system controller at the gatehouse that directs valves in 49 ground-level control boxes. The system schedules 129 irrigation zones including residential turf, front beds, common areas, and Clubhouse flower beds.

In recent years, the Eastern Shore has experienced dry spells but no serious droughts. During 2020–2022, we pumped between 5–9 million gallons annually, comfortably under our 12-million-gallon allocation. In 2021, we surveyed the wells and conducted pump performance studies to identify deficiencies with the result that one pump was replaced. The survey also confirmed that well 5 is permanently unusable. In 2022, we experienced three separate main line breaks, raising concerns about this costly trend. Aside from these failures, the system has proved capable of running the planned irrigation schedules.

Beyond maintaining a reliable system, our greatest challenge tends to be non-uniform turf conditions. Drainage and sunlight exposure can be poor between houses, while these areas often have more sprinkler heads than comparable open areas. The Committee continues to investigate cost-effective solutions to this problem, but a fine-tuned solution for each property may not be feasible.

This spring, we will replace one underperforming variable frequency drive and the four pump flow meters now in winter storage. The goal is improved reliability and a better monitoring capability. We want the system to run as scheduled and to report anything irregular. However, we still need residents to tell management whenever they see obvious problems with low water pressure or bad sprinkler heads. The best way to do this is to create Irrigation work orders. Montgomery Irrigation is onsite frequently to investigate these problems and perform repairs.

Residents are also invited to watch closely during our daytime system testing periods this spring. The schedule will be announced via eBlast when the startup maintenance is completed. Thanks for your help!

LINDQUIST INSURANCE COMPANY: A special presentation was provided by Lindquist Insurance, which is the company employed by the Symphony Village Association to help us make the right choice for an insurance company. Coverage under the association’s policy was reviewed, and there was a productive conversation of questions and answers. The Lindquist representatives will research some aspects of coverage, including the possibility of bus trip coverage. Stay tuned for a follow-up at the April 7 HOA meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

Board votes approved at the March 3 meeting included:

Vegetative Buffer Garden: A motion was made and approved to supplement the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant with \$1K from the HOA to establish the buffer garden.

Written Guidance for Covenants Noncompliance: process to be followed when residents do not submit an Exterior Modification Form and/or repeatedly ignore HOA requirements. The draft letter prepared by the Board was reviewed, amended, and then approved.

2023–2024 HVAC Contract Renewal: A pricing option from Northern Bay Environmental Systems, Inc. was approved for ~\$1.6K a quarter.

Debit Card Use by Lifestyle Committee: The Board approved allowing members to use the association’s debit card for food (only) purchases exceeding \$100 as this put an undue burden on the organizers of events in the past. The Lifestyle Committee prepared a policy and procedure recommendation with a form that must be completed by the user before use of the debit card.

UPDATED RESERVE STUDY: A contract with Miller Dodson to conduct an update to the reserve study was approved for an amount not to exceed \$5K.

GUARDHOUSE WINDOW TINT: The Operations Committee recommended a contract with Advanced Window Technology to apply dark window tinting (at 15%) to the entrance guardhouse windows. The motion passed for a cost of ~\$800.

IRRIGATION FLOW METER REPLACEMENT: The Landscape and Irrigation (L&I) Committee made a recommendation to replace the failed meters at pumps 1–4 with a three-year warranty. The motion was approved at a cost of ~\$4.5K.

ASH TREE SOIL TREATMENT: Landscape and Irrigation made a recommendation to change from a spray program to a soil care program for the Ash trees. The motion passed at no change in cost.

Next HOA Community Meeting: **Friday, April 7, 10 a.m.**, Clubhouse Concert Hall

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTISANS GUILD

Our current show *Dance* is on display in the Concert Hall. If you haven't had a chance to visit, please put it on your "to do" list. You're in for a treat!

Recently, Juanda Rogers taught a jewelry class to Artisans Guild members. Everyone enjoyed it and took home beautiful creations (see photo). Thank you, Juanda!

The next show with the theme *Stars and Stripes—Americana* begins in early May. This theme can be interpreted in many ways: patriotic, picket fences, apple pie, and American landscapes.

The Art Reception is scheduled for **Sunday, May 7, 4 p.m.**

KATHY McMANUS, SUE CANFIELD, CO-CHAIRS



COVENANTS CORNER

TOM MERINGOLO, CHAIR

Well, spring is just about ready to pop! I think that I can hear many measuring tapes being used to scope out your upcoming projects. As you prepare for the exterior modifications that are being created (as I have done below), I will continue to bring you helpful reminders via future articles in the *Libretto*.

Initial actions to be taken to ensure a smooth EMF submission process:

- Read through the AR (Architectural Requirements/Guidelines) for those sections that are pertinent to your upcoming project.
- Access/download the EMF (Exterior Modification Form), and print a couple of copies.
- Have a copy of the AR handy or view from the SV Website and have it on your screen.
- Review the list of supplemental documentation you will need to include with your EMF for proper submission. This documentation will vary depending on the nature of your exterior modification. For example, a list of documents for decks and/or patios would include the following.

Deck and Patio Submission Requirements

- A plat plan showing the house, property lines, easements, railing, and location of the proposed decking or patio.
- A plan to scale, showing the house and the proposed patio, dimensions, and an indication of the type of materials to be used.
- Detailed construction drawings.
- A landscape plan in accordance with “Landscape Requirements and Guidelines.”
- Contractor information.
- This same list obviously would not apply to a simple landscape request, hence the reason to research what you need per project type.

Compile your documentation, complete all necessary fields, bring it to the Clubhouse, and submit it to either Julia Neph, or Rebecca Wagner. Either will be more than willing to give your EMF packet a quick review and identify any glaring omissions.



Be sure to submit your *EMF no later than seven days prior to the next Covenants Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 12*. If you hand the in EMF any later, without adequate justification, your EMF will not be reviewed until the following month's Covenants Committee meeting.

Did I mention that you should Read/Review the AR (Architectural Requirements) before beginning? Just wanted to be sure that you were paying attention.

READY...GET SET...PROJECT LAUNCH!

LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

“IF TREES COULD TALK “

BY BETTY MCATEE

If trees could talk, oh, what tales they could tell! Through the years, decades, and even centuries, they stand silently absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere during photosynthesis, providing habitat (protection and food) for wildlife, offering shady refuge during hot summer days, and communicating with other neighboring trees and soil microorganisms in a forest using their vital root network. They also sacrifice their woody parts for man-made products.

When a young tree is planted, the chosen site and planting practices are not always ideal. The tree can be planted too high or too low. If too low, sometimes it is because the soil level in the nursery container is high, and when planted, the soil ends up covering the root collar causing the trunk to look like a telephone pole in the ground. This root collar spreads out like a skirt, forming the root flare. Consequently, when the root flare is buried, the tree may develop small secondary roots that grow near the soil surface. These little roots can become girdling roots that can eventually strangle the tree. Planting too low can also promote root or trunk rot and prevent proper air flow to the roots. All of this creates a lot of stress for the tree and makes it more susceptible to disease. Street trees, planted in confined spaces between the concrete sidewalk and asphalt road, develop roots subjected to heat extremes and forced growth beneath the sidewalk. Damage and rising of the sidewalk are potential results.

One important challenge for the Landscape and Irrigation Committee is to oversee the well-being of over 1,700 trees in Symphony Village common areas. The Bartlett Tree Experts contractor provides professional surveillance plus tree care advice to the committee. The excavation of soil covering root flares by a special tool (air spade) is a continuous onsite cultural practice, plus the cutting of girdling roots. Sometimes a chemical treatment to the crown, trunk, or surrounding soil is applied as a last result when disease symptoms occur as expected.

Those silent trees can grow to be giants, providing so many benefits for humans and other living creatures on the planet, depend on us for their survival in the future years, decades, and centuries to come,

NOTE: The oldest living organism on earth is the Bristlecone Pine tree, living in the White Mountains of California, is approximately 4,850 years old. Its nickname is Methuselah!



LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE

MARY JO AND VINNY VOLPICELLI, CO-CHAIRS

MARIE BOSSIE, CORRESPONDENT

The Lifestyle Committee has been busy this year and is pleased with the positive feedback we have received on the events held since the beginning of February.

Many residents enjoyed the pasta dinner hosted by Ed & Cindy Beres, coordinated by Mary Elizabeth Colling-Officer. This was followed by a fun Super Bowl party coordinated by Mary Jo Keefe and Vinny Volpicelli. Congrats to the lucky Super Bowl winners!

Thanks to Randy Officer for providing movie night and a really fun "Name That Tune" event. Thanks to all the residents who attended and participated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, March 18

Social Hour—Mary Ciesielski will be hosting and providing her famous St. Patrick's Day Irish coffee. Residents are asked to bring Irish appetizers and desserts and wear green. Zina Lichaa will be baking one of her special birthday cakes to help celebrate all the residents with birthdays in January, February, and March. Come join the festivities and meet some new residents.

Saturday, March 25

Movie Night: *A Man Called Otto*.

Saturday April 15

Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for **8–12 noon**. If you are interested in participating, the cost is \$5 per household. Please sign up in the Wall Street room at the Clubhouse. Make your check out to SVHOA and on the memo line write *yard sale* and put your check in the black box provided. Balloons will be provided to participants to be tied to lampposts to identify those participating in the event. So, clean out those closets, attics, and basements. Any questions, call Susan Rayner at 410-533-1705.



Saturday, April 22

Movie Night: *80 for Brady*

FUTURE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, May 28. Memorial Weekend Picnic

Wednesday, July 12. Cheeseburger in Paradise

We are still in need of hosts and hostesses for our Friday and Saturday night socials throughout the year. Please consider hosting. If you have questions, please contact Helen Fitzgerald at helen6289@gmail.com.

OPERATIONS

JOE SIKES, CHAIR, AND FRED KURST, CO-CHAIR

The Operations Committee is responsible for aiding the HOA Board of Directors (BOD) and the General Manager (GM) regarding management and operation of community common property. We share this responsibility with the Landscape and Irrigation Committee and focus on such things as the Clubhouse, swimming pools, and sidewalks.

The Operations Committee met on February 16 and approved two recommendations for the BOD that were subsequently accepted at the Board's March 3 meeting. The first action approved hiring of Miller Dodson Associates to produce and update the SV Replacement Reserve Study. Maryland law was recently changed to increase emphasis on maintaining sufficient reserves and the BOD affirmed SV's practice of updating the study every three years. The Operations Committee has been reviewing the 2020 study since last fall and is prepared to work with Miller Dodson in the next few months.

As noted in February's *Libretto*, the Gatehouse is often used for equipment storage, under oversight of the GM, to support maintenance of the community. The BOD approved a proposal to apply window tinting to the Gatehouse to improve its appearance as visitors and residents enter the community.

The Operations Committee plans to discuss possible upgrades to the Clubhouse parking lots at our March meeting. The committee has reviewed engineering studies and contractor visits over the last two years. Hopefully, the effort to review the engineering studies and contractor visits will result with a proposal that can be sent to the BOD. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 23**, at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The meeting will be hybrid with residents attending either in person or virtually.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

MARYKAY KERR, CHAIR

We want to thank all of the residents who submit articles for the *Libretto*. It makes the publication much more interesting. Please send in restaurant reviews, information about day trips that would be enjoyable, accolades on a doctor or medical facilities, and anything you conceive we would like to read about.

When you submit an article to the *Libretto* about an upcoming event, please remember: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How Much. It helps us give all the information to the SV community for an event or activity.

Who Include the name of the group sponsoring the event/activity. Also include the name of person running the event. If the *Libretto* staff has a question about the announcement/article, we will know who to contact for more information or clarification.

What What's the event you are having? Is it just for SV residents or open to the surrounding community?

Where What's the location of the event? The Clubhouse, the swimming pool, the parking lot, etc. If it's a travel event, where do the participants meet?

When Give us the date and time of the event—the beginning time and ending time.

Why Is the event for the benefit of the community? For neighboring schools? Etc.

How Much Is there a charge for event—what's the price? When is the deadline to submit the money and where do we submit it?

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

READING FOR FUN – FEBRUARY 2023 REVIEW

JOE SIKES

The SV Book Club met on February 21 to discuss *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill, attendees included Joe Sikes, Jan Withers, Mary Jo Volpicelli, Sue Goldberg, Len and Carol Saltiel, Judy Sutter, Peggy Decker, and Bob Nilsson. Jim Buckheit, Kathryn Buckheit, and JoAnn Walker could not attend but provided their review of the book separately.



Peggy Decker recommended this month's mystery to us, and it kept everyone turning the pages. The book had an extra level of complexity because Australian author Gentill wrote about another Australian author (Hannah Tigone) who was telling the story of a third Australian author (Winifred Kinkaid) who was caught up in a murder while on scholarship in Boston, Massachusetts. In fact, the murder occurs while Winifred is working on her novel in the Boston Public Library which is the scene of the crime. Winifred is the recipient of the Sinclair scholarship that is named after the title character of a mystery series written by Sulari Gentill. One reviewer compared the novel to a Russian nesting doll.

I considered writing a book review about Susan Goldberg writing a book review about Peggy Decker writing a book review to send to the *Libretto*. But I dropped that idea when I realized that the report would never arrive before the March 10 *Libretto* deadline. Being late might have risked my literary reputation. So, I apologize to Susan and Peggy for eliminating them from this book review. Technically, Peggy was already in my review so now I am confused and will end this paragraph.

Starting over, I will try to explain this novel biblically. In the beginning, Susan Gentill begot Hannah and her critic, Leo Johnson. Hannah lives in Australia and Leo corresponds with her from Boston. Hannah begot Winifred and another Leo Johnson, who is Winifred's neighbor in Boston. Winifred then begot three main characters: Freud Girl, Heroic Chin, and Handsome Man. Hannah, being a meddling grandmother, also provides alternate names for Winifred's progeny: Marigold (Freud Girl), Whit (Heroic Chin), and Cain (Handsome Man). Whatever their names, these three characters are sitting with Winifred in the Boston Public Library when they hear a scream that marks the commission of a murder.

Who did it? Susan Gentill continues begetting characters to populate her story and weave a compelling mystery. She succeeds admirably as the novel kept the club members engaged and searching for the killer. This included much backchecking to clarify questions like: Which Leo is the FBI looking for? Who is providing the yummy cupcakes? How does Whit's mother know Cain? Is he handsome? I confess that, despite being caught up in the mystery, I was often confused and irritated by the difficulty of keeping characters straight.

The mystery comes to a stunning and sudden conclusion that made reading the book worthwhile. And just to add zest, the author leaves you with a Leo chaser. The book generated a lively discussion and a wide range of grades. Some appreciated the structure of the book, and some were exasperated. Bob Nilsson started with a favorable grade but decided to subtract a half point for each begetting. The result was an overall grade of 6.86 of 10, which is about average. Carol was not lured from her preference for Agatha Christie and Cathy was left to ponder the meaning of Leo's final appearance.

We hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We have started to hold hybrid meetings, so contact me if you would like to attend virtually. My email is sikes.withers@yahoo.com

Our current list of books and associated review dates are listed below.

March 21 -- **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** by Lisa See

April 18 -- **Letters in Time** by Susan Reiss

May 16 -- **Founding Mothers: The Women Who Saved our Nation** by Cokie Roberts

June 20 -- **Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service** by Carol Leonnig

July 18 -- **The Invisible Life of Addie Larue** by V.E.Schwab

August 15 -- **Apples Never Fall** by Liane Moriarty

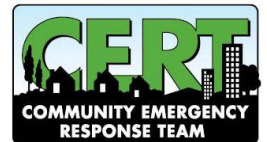
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

JOHN OLSON, CERT COORDINATOR

CERT TRAINING CLASS GRADUATION

JOE SIKES , CERT MEMBER

On February 26, the SV CERT Team welcomed six new graduates of the Queen Anne's County CERT training. Lt. Debra Hopkins awarded certificates for completion of 24 hours of classroom instruction covering all facets of Emergency Response. Our newly certified residents (pictured below) are Ann Rogers, Joe Sikes, Len Saltiel, Maria Kozzalka, Jackie Heimbuch, and Jan Withers. (Lt. Debra Hopkins is on the far right.)



Debra graciously arranged to conduct the training on-site in the SV Clubhouse, spread over six sessions, guided by Queen Anne County's CERT Training Manual. The purpose of the training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required for emergency needs until emergency services arrive. CERT team members are not intended to replace our emergency providers.

The course covered a whole range of topics beginning with disaster preparedness, delving into different disaster scenarios, and even discussing disaster psychology. Debra drilled into us that when confronting any emergency, large or small, there are three “killers” that need immediate identification: Airway obstruction, excessive bleeding, and signs of shock. Course participants were exposed to techniques to address these issues. For example, we were provided with our own tourniquet kits and practiced applying them to each other, as well as to ourselves. We learned to tighten them until they hurt. Ouch!

Much of the course simply improved our understanding of disaster response, making the SV CERT team more helpful if called upon in an emergency. Possible roles would be assisting in triage areas or helping arrange transportation—vice front-line engagement. We closed the course with a tabletop exercise (War Game to me) showing how a weather disaster in our community could unfold. The rest of the CERT team joined in, and the experience was very enlightening, even if Amy Landen kept showing me up.

I enjoyed my time with my training classmates, and we are planning a destination reunion in Rock Hall someday. One example of our excellent teamwork was a drill that required finding a missing child (christened “Puffy”) in a darkened room. We divided into two person teams, and Len and I went first. Unfortunately, we failed to discover “Puffy” and came out discouraged. But CERT is a team effort and our women teams quickly found “Puffy” and we all rejoiced. The message is that you can learn serious skills and have fun at the same time.

I encourage interested residents to investigate joining our CERT team. The training is not required to join CERT, but an option for those who seek more information. Trained residents benefit the whole community and, if that is not enough reason, you can borrow my own rationale. When Jan suggested taking the CERT training, I said to myself, Self: “If my wife is going to learn how to save me, I will regret not knowing how to save her.”

Mark Your Calendar!
CERT Speaker Series

Date:	Monday, April 17th
Time:	1PM
Location:	Clubhouse – Concert Hall
Subject:	Presentation: Optimizing Our Nutritional Health
Speaker:	Ann R. Caldwell, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Luminis Health
Registration:	Sign-up Sheet Located In The Wall Street Room

Making better food choices as we grow older can reduce our risk for many chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, osteoporosis and obesity along with the disabilities they can lead to. Please join us for this informative talk, questions are welcomed. **Sign-up required! Spaced seating available!**

Debi Wells Hooper

COMING SOON!

Outreach presents: **An Author's Luncheon**

Looking for all villagers (men and women) who like to read!

Come join your Outreach team for a luncheon and program featuring our award-winning guest author, Susan Reiss.

Wednesday, May 17, 11:30 a.m., at the Clubhouse Concert Hall

The price of admission is \$35 to include a catered luncheon and a copy of the book to be discussed, *Messages in Time*.

ABOUT OUR AUTHOR



Susan Reiss trained as a concert pianist then worked as a television writer/producer for many years. Her work has received a Silver Medal, New York International Film Festival, the Cine Golden Eagle, three Tellys, and numerous Emmy nominations. She was named a Scribe of the Eastern Shore in 2015. Susan is the author of the *St. Michaels Silver Mystery* series set on the Maryland Eastern Shore, and a second mystery series *In Time*. She will talk about her recently published book in this series, *Messages in Time* at our program.

This fundraiser to benefit the charitable groups and with whom we partner will include a raffle table, fifty-fifty raffle, and door prizes.

Our own SV Book Club will lead the Q and A after the presentation.

Ticket/book sales begin the first week of April (So you will have time to read the book before the event!) The event will be capped at 120 guests, at tables of eight, so plan for your group or table and be ready to join in this fun-filled day.

If purchasing your ticket(s) in April is a problem, please contact Loretta Quigley at lorettaquigley@yahoo.com or 410 758-6775, and we will try to accommodate you.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

MARY JO VOLPICELLI

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is a subset of the Outreach Committee. The mission of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee in the past was to help one's neighbor when they were in need (i.e., meal or two when they return from the hospital or prolonged illness, pick up mail, walk their dog, grocery shop, etc.).

Members of this committee would like to expand our focus. The focus will be to not only help neighbors when they need it but also to encourage everyone in SV to meet their neighbors in their immediate vicinity. For example: do you know your next-door neighbor? Do you know the people who live across the street from you? We would like to facilitate this happening so everyone would feel comfortable knocking on their neighbors' door to ask for or offer help. For example: If you go away, did you leave a house key with someone? If you left the area, would your neighbor have a code and or key to enter your garage or front door if there were an emergency: i.e. smoke alarm sound, water running out the door, broken window?

We are looking for residents who would like to join Neighbor-to-Neighbor to make these things happen. We also are encouraging residents to join a committee or community activity. See the [Clubs and Activities on the SV Website](#).

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Mary Colling-Officer sent this picture of several lovely ladies of Symphony Village attending the Agatha Christie themed “High Tea” sponsored by the Queen Anne’s Centre for the Arts. The event was held on February 25 at the Queen Anne’s Centre for the Arts. It was a fabulous event, and a grand time was had by all!

BINGO

BY DONNA DONALDSON

The March Bingo night was so incredibly exciting! We had TWO Jackpot winners, Dorothy Abbott and Kateri Coombe that split \$975. (It could have been you!) The opening prize for our April Bingo is \$200 and increases each month. Jackpot prizes are awarded based on the total “gate” of the previous month.

Bingo is one of the most well attended and most fun activities held in the Clubhouse and is scheduled on the second Friday of every month at 7 p.m. The purchase of cards and seats begins around 6:30. This is a self-supporting activity sponsored by the residents and not affiliated with the HOA or its committees. Although this isn’t officially a *fund-raiser*, it is a *fun-raise*”. Periodically donations are made to our community Sneakers and Outreach organizations for their use in helping different beneficial programs in our town and county.

Bingo is held after the dinner hour, but many people bring snacks. As always, beverages are available at the bar for Symphony Village Social Club members but bring your own if you wish. Guests, families, and children are

welcome – the more the merrier. Neighbors volunteer to donate their time to set up, cover the front desk, and check the winner’s cards. Donna Donaldson does the calling with guest “crankers” turning the wheel.

The cost of cards is \$2 each, for separate regular, and special games, as well as the monthly Jackpot game. Re-usable cardboard Bingo cards are available as well as disposable paper cards and sanitizer is plentiful. Some daubers are provided for use with paper cards. Of course bring your good luck tokens.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or wish to volunteer, contact Donna Donaldson – neverneverland316@gmail.com.

SV LADIES GOLF

BY CAROL HODGES



The weather is going to cooperate soon and we will be heading to the links. The SV Ladies meet at the SV Clubhouse parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool to Blue Heron. This year with the front nine being renovated, we may have to go to Hog Neck occasionally. If you are interested, call me at 410-758-0591 or email at lhodges@atlanticbb.net.

New residents interested in playing with the men can give me your name and I can pass it on.

MAHJONG LESSONS

BY CAROL HODGES



Residents have expressed an interest in learning mahjong. Currently mahjong is played on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Concert Hall. If interested in learning how to play, please call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or email at lhodges@atlanticbb.net. Let us know what time would be good. If there is enough interest, another day and time could be started. There has been an expressed interest in an evening game.

LADIES SOCIAL HOUR

Put Your PJs On (optional)

Come to Breakfast for Dinner

Thursday, March 23

Hosted by Women of the BOD

Signature Drink: Mimosas!

Sign up and pay early



CENTREVILLE HAPPENINGS

CENTREVILLE AREA HAPPENINGS PLUS

CHARLOTTE GODFREY

QAC Arts Council Small Arts Show including works by Symphony Village Artists – Raffle of Artworks benefits the Centre for the Arts!



So much to enjoy! Scroll through the listings for your next adventure!

QAC Arts Council Centreville: 12th Annual Small Works Exhibit open daily through March 18. Buy raffle tickets to take one of the 81 pieces home. Raffle drawing at **6 p.m., Saturday, March 18**. More information on p. 39 in the winter *Attraction* or QACCoordinator@gmail.com.

Community Wellness at the Symphony Village Clubhouse Craft Room: second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. - noon (**April 12**). Screenings include blood pressure, pulse, glucose, and cholesterol.

Ongoing Wellness Classes: free and online, www.edwardspharmacy.com

Chestertown Farmers' and Artisans' Market: Saturdays year-round, 8 a.m. – noon, High St.

Kent Island Farmer's Market: Thursdays year-round, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., at Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Rd, Stevensville. (Wonderful freshly baked bread!)

Easton Night Out: Every first Friday from 5 – 8 p.m. (**April 7**) the streets will be filled with music and excitement. Explore the downtown shops, restaurants, and galleries.

Chesapeake Forum, An Academy for Lifelong Learning: www.chesapeakeforum.org/new-courses – registration for multiple courses, open thru **Wednesday, March 22**.

Institute For Adult Learning: 45 courses, history current events, brain & body health, literature, crafts and more. \$90 fee for unlimited courses. www.instituteforadultlearning.org

Celebrate Maryland Seniors: Thursday, **March 2**, is contact deadline to register seniors who reach 100 by 12/31/2023. Special event on **Thursday, May 11**, celebrating Older Americans Month. Contact Anne Van Benschoten 410-758-0848.

Critters and Cocktails Lectures Series at CBEC: Crazy About Bats, **Thursday, March 16**, at 6:30 p.m., and For Goodness' Snakes, **Thursday, April 20**, at 6:30 p.m. www.bayrestoration.org/speaker-series/

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Potato Races: downtown Easton **Friday, March 17**, at 5:30 p.m.

Knitting 101/102: Fiber Arts Center, Denton – **Wednesdays March 15 & 29, and April 12 & 26.** 410-829-5136

Cat City Quilt Class – Thursday, March 16, at 10 a.m., and Applique Quilt Class Friday, March 24, at 10 a.m. at FACES, Denton, 410-829-5136

“Sense and Sensibility”: at Church Hill Theatre **Friday-Sunday, March 17 – April 1.**
www.churchhilltheatre.org.

National Music Festival Resonance Concert: with Phil Snedecor, Trumpet, and Elisabeth Tomczyk, Piano, including music by Gershwin and John Williams at St Paul's Parish, Kent Episcopal Church off Rt. 20 in Chestertown, **Sunday, March 19**, at 3 p.m., nationalmusic.us

The Gibson Center for the Arts, Washington College, Chestertown: Josh Mlodzianowski (saxophone), **Wednesday, March 22;** and Fanya Lin (piano), **Saturday, April 15,** 410-778-7839

Talbot County Garden Club Winter Lecture Series: “The Pollinator Victory Garden: Win the War on Pollinator Decline” via Zoom at the Talbot County Free Library, Easton branch, 100 West Dover St., **Wednesday, March 29,** at 11 a.m.

Shore Love Little Quilts Exhibit: and other small works, open daily for 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. from **Saturday, March 4 through Friday, March 31,** Heron Point, Chestertown.

Mary Cassatt Lecture with Dr. Robyn Asleson: AAM, Easton, **Friday, March 31** at 6 p.m.
Garfield Center for the Arts: See “Prescription Murder” on **weekends from April 14 – 30** at 8 p.m.
www.garfieldcenter.org

Eat Like A Human: Classes with Dr. Bill Schindler at Eastern Shore Food Lab in Chestertown. Sourdough Bread Class **Saturday, March 18,** and Fermented Dairy Class **Saturday, April 15,** from 10 am – 1 pm.
www.eatlikeahuman.com/classes.

Film Series: “Just Eat It” **Thursday, April 20,** at 7 p.m., explores food rescue and consequences of food waste at the Norman James Theatre, Washington College, Chestertown. mgrosse2@washcoll.edu.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY LIBRARY: www.qaclibrary.org/calendar-monthly.

- **Book/DVD Donation Day:** **Thursday, March 23** from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bring books to back entrance of the Centreville Branch.
- **Ongoing Technology Help-** schedule 1-on-1 help by appointment at Centreville Library. 410-758-0980
- **Adult Story Time on Wheels:** Themed backpack kits filled with books, activities, sensory items for adults with memory loss. 410-758-0980, www.qaclibrary.org/adult-storytime-on-wheels.
- **Books by Mail:** 410-643-8161 or 410-758-0980.
- **The Memory Center:** Transfer old home videos to disk or thumb drive free. Appointments required- 410-758-0980.

- **Take online classes-** Gale courses instructor lead: 410 -758-0980
- **Did you know?** You can check out other things such as board games, fishing poles, irons, DVD players and many more items at the library? Call 410-758-0980 to see if you they have what you need.
- **Booked For Lunch:** Bring a bagged lunch to the Kent Island branch to discuss a new title every month. Discuss “The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 ¼ Years Old” **Thursday, April 13**, at noon.
- **Air Plant Macramé Holders:** Come learn the art of knotting and macramé. Create a fun boho macramé air plant hanger **Tuesday, March 21** at 6 p.m., Kent Island branch.
- **Crime & a Cuppa:** with mystery reader extraordinaire Kathleen Wilson, **Saturday, March 25** at 10 a.m. at the Centreville branch.
- **Book Page Magnets:** Watch tutorial video on the library’s Facebook or YouTube pages to learn how to make decorative magnets for your refrigerator or whiteboard using clear glass gems and old book pages. **Thursday, April 6** at 2 p.m.
- **Broken Dish Heart Mosaic:** Join Wye River Designs in creating a heart mosaic using broken dishes. All supplies provided **Tuesday, April 18**, 5:30 p.m., Kent Island Branch
- **Veterans Book Club:** Supportive environment for discussion of military experiences, and through works of literature. **Tuesdays, April 11 and May 9 at 6:30 p.m.**, Centreville Branch.

THE ADKINS ARBORETUM: (410-634-2847), www.adkinsarboretum.org

- **Climate Circle:** Climate crisis and building a community around solutions. 3rd Wednesdays through May, 23 from 2–4 p.m.
- **Spring Native Plant Sale:** On-line ordering **Thursday, March 2 – Thursday, March 30**.
- **Botanical Art Open Studio:** 2nd Fridays from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- **SOUP ‘N WALK:** Early Blooms, Songbirds and Spring Frogs **Saturday, March 18**, from 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- **Spring Songbird Migration Walk:** Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15 from 8–10 a.m.
- **Spring Awakening Forest Bathing, Wednesday, March 22**, 1–2:30 p.m., see early blooms and enjoy some tea!
- **Daffodils Water Color Study:** **Saturday and Sunday, March 24, 25**, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- **Everything about Hummingbirds:** **Wednesday, April 5**, 10–11:30 a.m.
- **Earth Day Walk:** **Sunday, April 16**, at 1 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION JEFF DAVIS POST 18: 2619 Centreville Rd.

- **Every Saturday Queen of Hearts:** Ticket Sales at 4 p.m. and Drawing at 7 p.m.
- **Dinners:** Friday nights at 5 p.m.
- **Bingo:** 2nd Wednesday of each month, **April 12**, at 6 p.m. (games start at 7 p.m.)
- **Jason Morton Live:** Friday, **March 24**, at 7–11 p.m.

Avalon Theatre: www.eastonmd.org (see website for more events) 410-822-7299

- **Hosting Metropolitan Opera Live in HD on Saturdays:** “Lohengrin” **March 18 at noon**, “Falstaff” **April 1** at 12:30 p.m., and “Rosenkavalier” **April 15** at noon.
- Hear the Guy Davis Concert in the Stoltz Listening Room **Thursday, March 16**, at 7 p.m., Medium Debbie Wojciechowski, **Saturday, March 18**, in the Stoltz Listening Room at 7 p.m., the Goldpine Concert in the Stoltz Listening Room **Thursday, March 23**, at 7 p.m., Sonny Landreth and Cindy Cashdollar in the Avalon Theatre **Friday, March 24**, at 7 p.m., and Chris Barron **Friday, April 7**, at 7 p.m. in the Stoltz Listening Room. See p. 21 in the Winter *Attraction* Magazine at the Clubhouse for more information on these events. The Glen Miller Orchestra is coming **Friday, April 28**.

If you know of any events you’d like to share, please email them to me at godfreycb@me.com

Centreville Farmers' Market Needs You!

Is access to locally grown produce and value-added items important to you? The Centreville Farmers' Market has made great strides, but in order to continue to build a stronger market it needs more volunteers.

Volunteers shape market policies, email and recruit market vendors, and help promote the market. Onsite and at-home tasks are available. ***We need you! Volunteer today.***

2 Meetings to Learn More

Wednesday, March 22nd, 10-11 a.m. or

Tuesday, March 28th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

QAC Planning and Zoning Conference Room,
110 Vincit Street. Walk-ins welcome.



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Now Hiring: Farmers' Market Manager

The Centreville Farmers' Market is in search of an organized, creative thinker with ties in the community who can take the market to the next level. Compensation includes a cash stipend plus a weekly shopping allowance at the market.



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For more information or to RSVP for meetings:
mainstreet@townofcentreville.org or
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Yard Waste Pick-up starts on Mondays, March 20

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