



The Village Times

Spring 2026

News from our President – Tom Ward

As we enter the Spring season and enjoy the warmer weather we are still dealing with the harsh weather that delayed projects that are ongoing. Digging out the channels in the ponds has been delayed because of the ground freezing. Every pond in the Village has to be returned to an “as built” condition per the requirements of the City of Salisbury. This project will begin again on April 17 and continue until every pond is dredged allowing the rainwater to flow freely from the intake pipe to the 100-year floodplain vault.

The harsh weather also caused tree limbs to fall in the small pond at the entrance to the Village. The limbs were removed and the Board of Directors is waiting for an estimate to remove the trees and tree stumps and plant fast growing shrubs that will provide a visual barrier to the neighboring property.

The weather also caused a delay in power washing the fence on S. Division Street; however, the fence was successfully washed, and missing spindles were replaced as well. This project was done at a reduced cost thanks to Eddie Hastings running a hose from the pump house so the water bladders could be refilled efficiently.

Many thanks to the work of the Architecture Review Board (ARB) for interacting with the preferred shutter vendor for our homes. If a homeowner is contemplating replacing shutters or getting different colored shutters, contact the ARB to get the Board approved color palettes. The samples have the number and color of the shutter which will make a simple and informed decision. Information about the vendor’s name and location can be found on the Village website.

The Audit Committee completed their audit and found the Treasurer’s materials in compliance. With houses in the Village being sold we are getting inquiries from the buyers and sellers Realtors. I am a Realtor and respond to the inquiries and Glenn Marvel, our Treasurer, provides the financial information.

The implemented Chain of Command is getting better, and our neighbors are reminded to contact the Board member who lives in your type of house. That member can possibly answer your question or discuss it at the monthly Board of Directors meeting. All of our Committees are working hard to make our Village the safest and best manicured neighborhood in Salisbury. We have many ongoing projects that have been addressed and are waiting for the availability of our vendors.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our wonderful country I hope we take time to reflect on the freedoms that we were given by our forefathers and feel Blessed.

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Important Reminders

If you make changes to your resident directory information or need to make corrections during the year, you can email your name, street address, phone number and email address to vttchoa2011@gmail.com or mail a note to VTTC, Box 3595, Salisbury, MD 21802-3595.

This information will be used ONLY for the VTTC directory, newsletter, and any VTTC emergency or other official contact that may need to be made. Please do not share the directory with nonresidents. Thank you for your help.

Architectural Review Board Updates Jim Lackie and John Groutt

We are all aware that companies change products over time and trying to keep up with the changes can be frustrating. This is the case with the approved colors and styles for shutters in the Village which were established when the first houses were built some 30 years ago. The color chart provided to the current ARB was evidently decades old – and some of the original colors are no longer available while others are the same color but with different names.

To bring this up to date, the ARB met at the Lansing Company and reviewed the colors available along with styles. We wish to keep the original “look” of the Village, while accommodating those who wish to freshen up their residences. We selected a list of colors which are similar color “families” to the current range used in the Village. Both raised panel and open louvered styles are acceptable. These recommendations of the ARB have been accepted by the HOA Board.

We think our residents will appreciate the many new hues available which we believe respect the original color families used throughout the Village. Contact either ARB Co-chair Jim Lackie or John Groutt to borrow sample sets of the 21 acceptable colors.

Please remember to submit an Exterior Alteration Application for approval prior to any exterior work except repainting with the same colors.

Flag Etiquette

In order to preserve the flag, it is lowered if there is a very strong wind.

The flag is displayed from sunrise to sunset. It will be lowered to 1/2 staff on the following dates:

- May 3 Fallen Firefighters Day
- May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 25 Memorial Day, displayed from sunrise to noon
- September 11 Patriot Day
- December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance

If the flag is lowered at other times, it may be for remembrance of someone who passed away. Since we do not have a Maryland flag, we limit lowering the flag for Eastern Shore folks. If you have questions contact Jane Burt.

Social Committee – Jenny Hastings and Betsy Becker

Save the date! The Spring Social will be on Saturday, May 23rd, from 4 to 6 pm at the circle. Rain date will be Sunday, May 24th. Printed details will be distributed to everyone at a later date.

VTTC Legendary Seasonal Services – Spring 2026

Upcoming Schedule **All dates are approximate and depend on weather conditions**

End of March to first week in April – Begin weekly mowing services

Mid-April to mid-May – Begin broadleaf weed treatments. We will mark (flag) the end of each street that is being treated

April 20th - May 6th – Second application of fertilizer with pre-emergent

Late Spring – Cut back azaleas after they bloom, and begin pruning evergreen shrubs (hollies and boxwoods)

End of May to Beginning of June – Apply 0-0-7 pre-emergent to all irrigated turf areas

Mid-June – Begin granular fungicide applications (additional charge for this service)

End of June – Begin foliar fungicide applications (additional charge for this service)

Services for Individual Homeowners:

Mulch List - call each season starting in late February

Other Services (shrubs/trees/walkways, etc.) - call the office to schedule an estimate (410-341-0948)

YMCA Health Intervention Program

Please welcome a new contributor to our newsletter, Faron Burns, Health Intervention Director at the YMCA on Schumaker Drive. This quarter the focus will be on Parkinson's disease.

Rock Steady Boxing is not just boxing, it is specifically designed to address Parkinson's symptoms such as slow or small movements, imbalance, stiffness, flexed posture, and respiratory weakness. Our scientifically based curriculum can be adapted to any level of Parkinson's. Our program combines non-contact boxing with functional exercises (including footwork, coordination, strength training, and balance exercises) to target the unique needs of people with PD, helping them fight back against symptoms in a supportive community setting.

Anyone diagnosed with Parkinson's disease can participate in Rock Steady Boxing, one of several programs offered at no cost to you. If you are interested, please call Faron at 410-749-0101 ext. 3609

Welcome Spring Throughout the Neighborhood



Area Activities

This quarter, **the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary lunch (drive thru only)** will be held on May 8th, orders are due by May 4th.

Please note pre-orders are required.

The menu will be reduced in May: Oyster Fritter Sandwich (\$12), Peas and Dumplings (pints \$6 / quarts \$12). Brownies and cookies are available for \$1 a bag on a first come, first serve basis. Call Linda, 410-251-1584, Monday-Friday between 8 am and 5 pm to order.

MAC Center

Stay steady and stay safe!

Join MAC for a free, evidence-based Stepping On workshop designed to help adults 65+ reduce their risk of falls and build confidence in everyday activities. Each year, 1 in 4 older adults experiences a fall, but many of these falls can be prevented. Over seven weekly sessions, participants learn practical strategies to improve strength, balance, and mobility. Stepping On has been proven to reduce falls by 31%.

Class Details:

Dates: April 21st – June 2nd

Schedule: Tuesdays, 1 – 3 pm

Location: MAC Inc., 909 Progress Circle, Salisbury, MD 21804, Classroom 3

Contact Nancy Hedlesky 410-742-0505 ext. 131 nhedlesky@macinc.org

Building Brain Healthy Habits: Tips from the Latest Research on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the Bradford Room at MAC Inc. For additional information, call 410-742-0505

This special presentation will feature Jennifer Schermerhorn, LCSW, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, and will offer helpful information on the latest research related to brain health and aging.

Attendees will learn more about how lifestyle choices may play a role in supporting brain and body health over time. From everyday habits to broader wellness strategies, this session is designed to provide practical, research-based insights that can help individuals make informed choices as they age.

Telephone Reassurance Program

MAC is partnering with the Salisbury Police Department on the Telephone Reassurance Program. Through this program, participants receive regular check-in calls that offer more than just conversation. These calls provide reassurance, help reduce feelings of isolation, and create an added layer of support for individuals who may live alone, have limited support systems, or simply benefit from regular contact and connection.

For more information, please contact Valerie Wagner, Project Director of The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at 410-720-0505 x112 or vwagner@macinc.org, or visit macinc.org.

Wicomico Public Library

The **Bookmobile** is scheduled to visit the Village on Monday, May 11th - 12pm -1pm

VTTC Website and News – Bill Atchison

Pam Johnson has retired from the website responsibilities and Bill Atchison has stepped up to be the new web master of the Village site. <https://www.thevillageattonytankcreek.com>

The email for the site remains the same: vttcwebpage@gmail.com

Community Bulletin Board

Did you know there is a weather resistant Community Bulletin Board on Oakside Circle? Contact Jane Burt (410-726-0433) if you have a notice you would like placed on the bulletin board.

VTTC Newsletter – Maureen Ramsay

The newsletter is published quarterly in January, April, June, and October. Contributions to your newsletter are solicited. If you have a story about a wonderful travel experience, a book review on what makes your latest read a particularly enlightening/enjoyable experience or if there is some issue regarding life in the Village (or the larger community) that concerns you, submit your comments. If you know of community activities that may interest residents, please send that information to be included in our newsletter. Contributions for the April Newsletter must be received by the 8th of each month of publication (email: maureen.ramsay2@gmail.com or call 301-452-3379).

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