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## HEART OF THE MATTER



When you hear someone say “Have a heart” or “He has a good heart” or “Put your heart into it,” do you think of the muscle that beats inside you or do you have a more conceptual idea?

In the month of February, we often associate the heart with Valentine’s Day. According to Wikipedia information, “The first known depiction of a heart as a symbol of romantic love dates to the 1250s. It occurs in a miniature decorating a capital ‘S’ in a manuscript of the French Roman de la poire.”

“The English poet Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine’s Day as a day of romantic celebration in his 1375 poem “Parliament of Foules.” (history.com)

February is also American Heart Month. Per the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, “Understanding risk factors for heart disease and how to live a heart-healthy lifestyle are a part of practicing self-care for #OurHearts.”

So whether your heart tends to the romantic or practical, may you have your heart’s desire, a heart of gold, follow your heart, have your heart in the right place or put your heart into something, celebrate the heart this month.



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## ARE YOU A NEW RESIDENT?

Welcome to Crestwood. Please register at the Clubhouse as soon as possible to be eligible for Clubhouse amenities, etc.

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## SUMMARY OF BOT MINUTES

Since there was no BOT meeting in December, there is no summary in this issue.

## HOSPITALITY

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our committee this month. Your money helps us continue making donations to a charity of the family's choice when a resident or close family member passes away and also sending the appropriate cards. Anyone wishing to make a contribution can drop it off at the Clubhouse any time. You may leave it with the person at the desk. Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope and mark it for Hospitality. If you attend the monthly community meetings, our treasurer will be there to accept your contribution.

During December and January, we sent ten thinking-of-you cards to shut-ins and to residents in rehab or nursing homes who still own their houses here in Crestwood. We also sent get-well cards to Octavia Page, Richard Jones and Clare Braune.

Sympathy cards were sent to the families of John Stewart and Mary Jane Poole upon their deaths. We are currently making charitable donations to the organizations chosen by their families as well as the families of Charlie Kimball and Mary Alberti (Betsy Reniere's mother).

Our next committee meeting will be held on February 8th at 10:00.

Therese Oseneek  
Chairperson, Hospitality Committee

## CRESTWOOD VETERANS

In February, veterans meetings will resume on the second Thursday of the month. The agenda includes planning for trips to museums and baseball games and planning for the potluck sponsorship in March.

Prospective museums to visit in 2023 are the National Cryptologic Museum and the Museum of the U.S. Army. Since meetings tend to be rather dry, we will discuss whether anyone is interested in regularly scheduled group discussions about the military, such as a military fiction or military history book club or similar.

The next breakfast is February 2nd at 9:00 at the Westview IHOP. The next meeting is February 9th at 10:00 in the Clubhouse.

Stephen Meyer

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

The Community Meeting is on the 21st at 7:00.

The BOT meeting is on the 28th at 9:30.



## CLUBHOUSE FUNDS COMMITTEE

## SENIOR TAX CREDITS



Happy New Year to everyone. May your New Year be prosperous, exciting and fun.

The committee recently paid for 24 decks of cards to play the game Hand and Foot. Cards are located in the game room closet at the Clubhouse in marked plastic containers. Cards are for residents to use at the Clubhouse.

At the monthly Community Meeting, committee members provide a 50/50 drawing. The proceeds are used to purchase the various items that are used by the residents while on the Clubhouse premises.

We, the Clubhouse Funds Committee members, appreciate your support.

Janice Cole  
Chairperson, Clubhouse Funds  
Committee

### League of Learners

Join us on **Friday, February 17th at 2:00** to learn how to save money on your taxes. Diane Fox, CPA, Director, Frederick County Treasury Office, will give an overview of the various tax credits that are available to Frederick County seniors. Diane is very knowledgeable about all the tax credits available to seniors.

Find out about two important credits that can save you money: the Homeowner Property Tax Credit and the Homestead Credit. Some of the tax credit applications must be filled out each year; others only require a one-time application. If you have not filled out paperwork in the past, you may be able to receive credit for the current year and, in some cases, retroactively for some past years. Application forms will be available at the meeting.

Be sure to attend if you are uncertain about your filing status or have other questions about senior tax credits. Please sign up for planning purposes but it is not required. Everyone is welcome.

Sally Livingston  
Activities Committee

### CAN I GET YOUR NUMBER?

It is important that your contact and emergency information is up to date and correct. It was recently brought to our attention that many of our residents' information is incorrect and some are not even registered.

If you recently changed your number, added a cell phone number, need to update your information or have not yet registered, please contact Shirley Davis or me, so we can update our records. Call us at 301-662-0400 or via email at [SDavis@clagett.com](mailto:SDavis@clagett.com) or [JLancaster@clagett.com](mailto:JLancaster@clagett.com).

Thank you.

Julie Lancaster  
Property Manager

**February 15th by 4:00 is the  
deadline for submitting articles for  
the March *Village Voice*.**

**CRESTWOOD ACTIVITIES  
SEE THE PINK INSERT**

## NEIGHBORRIDES AT CRESTWOOD VILLAGE

### Volunteers Needed

NeighborRides is a group of volunteers who provide occasional short-term driving help to those looking for transportation to health care appointments. The volunteers provide door-to-door assistance to residents who are unable to drive themselves and do not have a family member or friend available to take them at the appointed time.

Are you interested in helping your neighbors by driving them to appointments? We are looking for new people to volunteer for NeighborRides, and we would be very happy to add your name to our list. If you would like to help, please call me at 240-439-4386.

If you are a resident in need of transport to the doctor, a list of current volunteer drivers is available at the front desk of the Clubhouse in the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors notebook.

Bernadine Hoffman  
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors  
Committee

## GARDENERS

While it is a quiet time for gardening, we can look at our catalogs and begin planning for the next season. For example, butterfly bushes prefer pruning in late winter or early spring.

The Master Gardeners offer free classes this February at the Agricultural Extension Service at 330 Montevue Lane. February dates and subjects are as follows: on the 4th, Seed Starting and Planting; on the 18th, Elements of Pollinator Gardens; and on the 25th, Design Fundamentals. To register, call 301-600-1595. To subscribe to their free newsletter, go to [fgardenersnews@gmail.com](mailto:fgardenersnews@gmail.com).

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th at 11:00 in the Clubhouse.

Linda Meyer

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

Your *Village Voice* has many parts that originate in different places.

If you have a question about any article, please contact its author.

Please contact Julie with any information or questions about anything on the calendar. The monthly calendar has a lot of information: meetings, ongoing weekly activities, recycle dates, Clubhouse hours, birthdays and anniversaries, etc. Make sure she is aware of all committee meetings with correct dates and times or if a committee is not meeting or has changed its regular date and time.

While all calendar information should be submitted by each month's deadline, last-minute changes can be made up until the monthly *Village Voice* committee meeting, which is always listed on the calendar.

The office also provides a monthly update on information for your Village telephone directory. If you have information that needs to be added, changed or deleted, please contact Shirley. She is also responsible for the monthly ads. Block captains and their substitutes are also handled by her.

Betsey Covell  
Chair, *The Village Voice* Committee

## UPDATE FOR EMISSIONS WAIVER

The website link for the vehicle emissions waiver that was explained on page 7 of the January issue has been updated.

Go to [mymva.maryland.gov/TAP/IND/\\_/](http://mymva.maryland.gov/TAP/IND/_/). Scroll down to Vehicle Services, and then click on the Emissions tab. Select Request an Emissions Inspection Waiver.

Thanks to David Perkins for the updated information.



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### Additions Unless Otherwise Noted

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Management Office.

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Debbie Cianci  
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Matthew & Jennifer Boyda  
5820 Box Elder Court                609-618-7573



February 15th is the birthday of Susan B. Anthony, one of the most important females in American history. “Born on February 15, 1820, Susan B Anthony spent her life pushing women’s right to vote and equal rights for women. She was arrested in 1872 for attempting to vote in the presidential elections. ...She helped bring about the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.”

Fat Tuesday, February 21st this year, is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also known as Mardi Gras Day or Shrove Day. It is a day when people eat all they want of everything and anything they want as the following day is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

## OTHER FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES



Candlemas, celebrated on February 2nd, is the last holiday of the Christmas season. “Candlemas is a christian celebration...of the Feast of Purification of the Virgin Mary. ... According to Jewish customs, women were considered ‘unclean’ after the birth of a child. The unclean period lasted 40 days after the birth of a son and 60 days after the birth of a daughter. During this period, they were not allowed into the temple to worship. At the end of this time, the woman was brought to the temple and ‘purified’ in a ceremony. After the birth of Christ, the Virgin Mary was purified on Candlemas or the Feast of Purification.”

In addition to being called Mardi Gras Day and Fat Tuesday, it is also called Fastnacht Day. Pennsylvania Dutch country and other areas with large German populations refer to it as Fastnacht Day.

Ash Wednesday, which occurs the following day, is the first day of the Christian season of Lent and a sign of penitence. It is a solemn time. During the Lenten season, Christians fast and give up things they like. The Lenten season lasts for 46 days.

On Ash Wednesday, Christians go to services and receive ashes on their foreheads in the sign of the cross. It is a reminder of “Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust”. It means that we came from dust, and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not our souls. The ashes received are from the prior year’s palms.”

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*Walkersville Southern Railroad Trip,  
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Sis Swartz, 2nd from left*

## Once a Neighbor, Always a Neighbor.

*S*is Swartz may be a familiar name as she lived in Crestwood Village in a beautiful home overlooking a bridge and many visiting deer.

She grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. where she met her husband. She has fond memories of her time in Pennsylvania as well as in Crestwood.

Wishing to no longer live alone, Sis moved to Country Meadows and says she truly loves it here. She appreciates she “doesn’t have to worry about anything as everything is taken care of for her – there is absolutely nothing I can think of that is a negative.”

She shared her favorite thing about living at Country Meadows is the people: “they are all so nice, both my fellow residents and the staff.” Always a social individual, Sis loves to relax in the common areas chatting with her friends and dancing during happy hour.

Our team finds her in all the activities: “she is at everything!” She enjoys outings and playing cards and games with Kings Corner and Pinochle as her favorite. Her religion and animals are important to her, and she values attending daily devotions each morning, receiving Catholic communion each month on campus and doting on neighbors’ pets.

When asked for advice about moving to a retirement community, Sis recommends “making sure you visit the communities and get the ‘feel’ of the place before you commit.” She says she had visited other friends at Country Meadows years ago and remembers always enjoying her visit as everyone always seemed so happy. And when it came time for her to make a move, she didn’t have to think twice about coming here and has never regretted it.

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