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The Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

GREET NEW POLICE COMMANDER

Meet Captain Luther Reynolds, new commander of the Bethesda Police District, at the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 1. He will speak briefly at 7:55 and will welcome comments and questions from residents.

At 33, Captain Reynolds is the youngest district commander in the County Police Department, but has an impressive background that includes work as a criminal investigator and as a teacher and trainer for police. He has also taught criminology at Montgomery College and management at the University of Maryland.

Bethesda's new district commander grew up in Gaithersburg, the youngest of three sons of an electrical engineer and a schoolteacher. In 1988, he graduated from Florida State University with a degree in criminology and a minor in psychology. He says that since childhood, he has wanted to be in law enforcement.

Captain Reynolds and his wife live in Laytonsville and are the parents of a three-year-old boy whom they adopted from a Russian orphanage at the age of 18 months.

CABLE TV COMPETITION COMING

On May 15, a contractor for Pepco will start preparing the power company poles in Somerset to accommodate Starpower cables. Starpower is the company which will offer cable television competition to Cable TV Montgomery (now operated by Prime Communication).

Preparation will consist primarily of adjusting the position of existing wires to provide adequate clearance for the new wires. We have been advised that no tree trimming will be done without the concurrence of

Jonathan Dawkins, our gardener-horticulturist. The contractor involved will be W. A. Chester. They should complete their work in two to three weeks.

Starpower expects to offer cable TV service to Somerset residents as early as next September.

The contractors you may have seen in Town last month were installing new hardware for Prime Communications, our current cable TV provider. The new equipment, along with fiber optic main feeder lines nearby, will permit digital reception at some unannounced future date.

A resolution authorizing the transfer of the cable TV franchise from Prime to Comcast will be considered by the Town Council at its May 1 meeting. The item is scheduled for 10:10 p.m.

JUNE DECISION POSSIBLE ON CHEVY CHASE CENTER

A decision on rezoning the parking lot portion of the Chevy Chase Center will not occur until June or later, delaying the start of redevelopment of that property until at least then. Whether the final decision will be made by the County Council or the court is uncertain.

On April 11, the County Council decided to hear oral arguments requested by both the developer and citizens on the recommendation of Hearing Examiner Philip Tierney that new traffic studies be conducted before the Council acts on the rezoning. On June 6, the Chevy Chase Land Company will tell Councilmembers why they should approve the rezoning without further delay. Chevy Chase Village and the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (CCC/FH) will try to convince the Council to follow Tierney's recommendation and reject the rezoning or defer a decision until comprehensive traffic studies are completed.

Lawsuit Pending Against Planning Board

Since there was no way to know what action the Council would take, Chevy Chase Village and CCC/FH filed suit in Circuit Court against the Planning Board for approving the redevelopment plan. The court agreed to delay a decision until June 7, which is the day after the Council hears oral arguments. We understand that the new judge assigned to the case will postpone a decision a reasonable time so that the Council can act.

In his 152-page recommendation, the hearing examiner wrote:

Several relevant intersections...were not evaluated and the ones that were evaluated included outdated traffic counts and peak hours that avoided the highest traffic volumes. The Opposition submitted persuasive evidence that shows major road links around the property are at times congested.

Among the additional intersections recommended for evaluation are Dorset and Wisconsin Avenues, Bradley Lane at both Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues, Military and Reno Roads and Chevy Chase Circle.

A TRUE STORY

On March 17, I received notices from the District Court of Maryland that the State's Attorney had decided not to prosecute two named individuals. The notices did not say where or when they were charged, the nature of the charge or why I was sent notices. After several phone calls, I learned that the problem was trespassing at the Somerset swimming pool in 1991!

PROPOSED TAX RATE DOWN 12 PERCENT

A public hearing on my proposed budget and property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2001 will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 1. The hearing is scheduled for 9 p.m. Further discussion and action will take place at the June 5 meeting.

Our fiscal year, as mandated by the State for itself and all subdivisions, begins every year on July 1 and ends the following June 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends. Thus, the budget we will discuss on May 1 is for the 12-month period beginning July 1, 2000, and ending on June 30, 2001, which is known as Fiscal Year 2001 or FY-01.

The proposed property tax rate is 22 cents per \$100 assessed value of house and lot. The proposed rate is down 12 percent from this year's 25 cents.

Largest Revenue Source: State Income Taxes

Until recent years, the property tax was our largest source of income, but for FY-01 it is projected to amount to less than a third of our largest income source, which is a portion of State income tax paid by Somerset residents and returned to us by the State.

On the expense side, by far the largest item is \$489,000, most of which is for milling and paving our streets. Salaries of \$165,000 constitute the next largest expense. This is up from FY-00 because of merit and cost-of-living increases and the addition of a fourth maintenance man to our staff.

Developer Pays \$75,000

Erosion Control, \$100,000, is the next largest proposed expenditure. We have already received \$75,000 for this project to slow erosion in Little Falls Branch from Chase Towers, under construction in Friendship Heights. The developer chose to make the payment in lieu of installing a stormwater system on-site.

Our fund balance, or surplus, at the end of FY-01 is estimated to be over \$900,000, which is three-quarters of projected expenses for the 12-month period.

A summary of the budget, operating surplus and fund balance for Fiscal Years 99, 00 and 01 appears on pages 4 and 5 of this *Town Journal*. Copies of the complete General Fund and Capital Project Fund budgets and a memo explaining many of the line items are available at the Town Hall.

Making Waves

POOL WILL OPEN FOR SEASON MAY 27

By Alan Proctor, Pool Committee Chairman

Saturday, May 27, is opening day for the pool this year and, once again, thanks to the fine work of our pool and Town staff ³/₄ and the heater, we expect to be open with the pool facility set for a great season and with the water just the right temperature for pleasant swimming.

Bethesda Aquatics will be operating the pool for the Town again this year, and owner Chuck Montrie has assembled most of his team for the summer, many of whom are returning from last year. Karen Day will be returning as manager. Bill Whitty will be assistant manager and swim team coach. Jeff Strahota will also be an assistant manager. Nina Kessler will be assistant swim teach coach and guard. And other guards include Julie Onder, Tristan Kessler, Katie Steller, Theresa Hamm and Colin Snow.

Early visitors will be able to check out several improvements that are being implemented. New pool furniture is scheduled to be delivered shortly and should be a welcome upgrade from the inventory that was retired last year. For the smaller ones in the community, a playhouse and protective rubber matting will be installed in the baby pool area. A new diving board has been ordered, to replace our old one, the surface of which was worn out and becoming a hazard. A flagstone path is being installed to link the upper walkway along the pool to the picnic area. This will make it easier to transport food and drinks, not allowed on the pool deck, to the picnic area. Lights are being installed in the picnic area to enhance its nighttime beauty and to facilitate evening events. Last but not least, the Pool Committee has worked out a new procedure with pool staff so that we will be able to hold guest passes at the front desk for residents who find this convenient.

Committee Plans Parties for Babies, Adults

News on special events for the season will be detailed in later editions of the *Town Journal* and at the pool, but please mark your calendar for two now. First, on Saturday, June 3, the Pool Committee will host a party for babies and preschoolers. The party will feature fun and games in the baby pool, followed by lunch at the picnic area. Families participating are asked to donate a

new or used pool toy. Toys will be kept in a tub at the baby pool for all to use, and families are asked to return toys to the tub after use. See the enclosed flier for party details. If you would like more information or want to discuss donating toys for use at the baby pool, please call Bridget Cowie, on 301-654-7152.

The second event to mark on your calendars is the adult party, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 15. Penny Helfgott and Donna McDougal are once again organizing the extravaganza, and they plan a luau theme.

The Pool Committee hopes you will join with us in making these events and the whole season the best yet.

SAVE MAY 26 ¾ SWIM TEAM PARTY

By Sarah Morse, Swim Team Representative

New swimmers, returning swimmers and developmental swimmers: Somerset's swim team, The Dolphins, starts the season with a pizza party and team sign-up Friday, May 26, at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet the coaches, ask questions, sign up for the team and buy uniforms. Our heated pool will be open only for the swim team, so anyone interested in joining the team is encouraged to attend.

Pizza parties, uniforms, coaches? Just what is the Somerset swim team? It is a member of the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL) and participates in meets every Saturday morning from June 17 to July 22. We also have two Wednesday night meets and one big relay carnival. At the end of the season, we have a banquet with trophies, skits and swimming. We also have weekly social events. The team has practice sessions every morning and afternoon.

There are no tryouts. All children ages 5 to 18 who live in the Town and can pass the deep water test may join. We swim in a very non-competitive division where the emphasis is on having fun and developing each swimmer. We want this to be a fun community activity, not an elite group of really fast swimmers.

Practice Times Are Flexible

It is not necessary for every swimmer to come to practice every day and participate in all the meets. The team is a huge time commitment and some kids can't go to everything. There are several practices during the day, so that members can work them into their schedules.

For children who cannot pass the deep water test, there is a developmental team, the minis. Mini swimmers must be between 5 and 9 years old and able to swim 15 yards. The minis practice

three days a week. There is also one mini meet. Mini swimmers are part of the swim team and are invited to all social events. They even get trophies at the end of the season.

The swim team is the best neighborhood activity for children in Town. Because it takes 36 parents to run a meet, the organization provides a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to meet their neighbors. Weekly social events help strengthen community ties and integrate the children into the neighborhood. We invite everyone to check it out. Any questions? Please call Sarah Morse, 301-907-3298, if you can't make the pizza party Friday, May 26.

League Modifies Three Rules

The MCSL starts meeting in February, so already your team rep has been hard at work. There are three major rule changes for this year. First, the age-up date (or birthday date) has been pushed up to June 1. This means that whatever age a swimmer is on June 1 is the age that he/she will swim at for the season.

The second rule change is that the league has adopted a whistle start procedure, which is used by US Swim. Along with this, there will be no recalls for false starts. All referees and starters need to be retrained to learn the new procedure.

The MCSL also voted to require four stroke and turn officials at every meet: two from each team. We have already provided two, so it doesn't affect us. However, we could use some more officials. Please consider volunteering to be a trained official this year. All officials get a free patch!

INTERESTED IN SOLVING TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS?

The Montgomery County Planning Board is seeking nominees to serve on a task force which will provide guidance during the development of a Transportation Policy Report, which the Board considers its highest priority. If you are interested in being considered or have questions, please call Mayor Behr before May 1. The Town Council is scheduled to select a nominee at its May 1 meeting.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

ELECTION RESULTS

In the April 3 Town election, Walter Behr was reelected to a two-year term as Mayor. Peter Gubser and Anne Coffey Proctor were reelected to the Town Council, also for two-year terms. A big thanks goes to Tracy Truman, Bonnie Thomson and Ellie Fink for running the election in their usual outstanding manner!

SPECIAL TRASH PICKUP MAY 5

The Town Council, at its April 3 meeting, approved a special trash pickup on **Friday, May 5**, for residents who have large items that cannot go in the regular trash. Residents wishing to participate must send a \$15 check, payable to "Town of Somerset," to Town Hall no later than **May 3**. This will be your reservation for the special collection service by our contractor, J&J Inc. **ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP WITHOUT A RESERVATION.**

Special trash should not be placed at the curb earlier than the night before the pickup. Special trash is defined as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances; furniture or parts thereof; large toys, bicycles, swim sets (broken down into smaller parts); bathtubs, sinks and toilets; and iron pipe, gutters/down spouts and fence pieces under six feet long. If items are in bundles, they must be light enough for two men to carry.

Lawn mowers and other power equipment must be emptied of gas and oil. Refrigerators and freezers must have the Freon removed by an authorized agent and tagged appropriately. Propane tanks must be removed from grills.

Items that will not be picked up include: parts of junked cars, boats or trailers (including batteries and tires); loose glass; firewood, tree stumps, tree limbs or lumber; bricks and concrete blocks; paint cans; flammable or hazardous liquids or solids (including propane canisters); ammunition or explosives; large rocks; and dead animals.

ELECTRICITY DEREGULATION

Pepco Energy Policy Specialist Karen Parham will present a seminar for Somerset residents at the June 5 Town Council meeting. Ms. Parham will discuss actions residents will need to take and options available to them regarding the impending deregulation of electricity.

WATCH OUT FOR CON ARTISTS

With spring weather here, the annual visitation of itinerant con artists is at hand. Be sure you do not fall for their excuses to get in your home. They will often engage you in conversation or distract you while a partner enters the house and steals cash and valuable small items. Sometimes they just ask to use your restroom. Never allow strangers into your home. Keep your doors locked, even if you are just in your yard.

Don't authorize strangers to do any home improvement work without a contract, references and several bids.

Call the police if you see someone suspicious hanging around the neighborhood.

CONTRACTORS FILE

Tom maintains a listing of contractors who have provided excellent service in the past to the Town or Town residents. Give Tom a call at 301-657-3211 for a referral if you are stumped over what to do. We welcome any referrals you might have, good or bad, for our records. Keep in mind that the Town is not responsible for work done by any of these contractors. The decision on whom you choose to do your work is solely up to you.

SOMERSET RAIN GAUGES

A few Somerset 90th birthday rain gauges are still available at Town Hall for \$3.00 apiece. Call Tom at 301-657-3211 or stop by Town Hall if you would like to purchase one for your garden.

TOWN HISTORY

Copies of the Town History are available at the Town Hall office. The first copy per household is free. Additional copies are \$3.00 apiece. Please contact Tom at 301-657-3211 if you are interested in obtaining this informative document.

GRASSCYCLING

Several copies of a grasscycling video are available at the Town office for your use. The video demonstrates the benefits of leaving your grass clippings on the lawn. Please call Tom at 301-657-3211 if you would like to borrow one.

PERMITS GRANTED

The following permits were issued by the Mayor during the past month. (Building permits are approved by the Town Council.)

Trees: Patty Friedman, 4811 Grantham Avenue, to remove a crowded white pine in her back yard.

Emily Spitzer, 4807 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a leaning and diseased apple tree in her back yard.

Judith Frankel, 5528 Uppingham Street, to remove a decaying and badly leaning spruce tree at the front corner of her garage.

Bob and Estelle Odle, 4515 Dorset Avenue, to remove a sickly Canadian hemlock in their back yard.

Fences: Barry Ekdom, 4813 Cumberland Avenue, to erect a wood privacy fence on the east side of his yard.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Town of Somerset is registered with Montgomery County Volunteer and Community Service for two community service projects for high schoolers to help meet their graduation requirements. The two positions are as follows:

- **Gardening.** Volunteer provides assistance to the Town Gardener/Horticulturist in maintenance of the Town parks and gardens. Duties include planting, pruning, mulching, weeding, fertilizing and general care of plants, shrubs and trees. Volunteer must enjoy outdoor work and not suffer from allergies. He or she needs only minimal gardening skills, but must be able to follow instructions.
- **Nature Trail Maintenance.** Volunteer, or preferably teams of volunteers, will prune, mulch and clean the nature trail for easy access and traverse for Town residents and visitors.

To volunteer or get further information, call Tom Carter at the Town Hall, 301-657-3211.

ODD JOB HELPERS

The following residents have asked to be listed to do **odd jobs** for other residents at a price to be negotiated between them [general chores (G), baby-sitting (B), pet care/walking (P)].

Alex Baldinger (P), 301-657-4613 Maurie Kathan (B), 301-907-3298 Patrick McGhee (GBP), 301-986-0880

5533 Warwick Place 4920 Dorset Avenue 5407 Surrey Street

Michael Finkelstein (GP), 301-654-0322 Toby Kathan (P), 301-907-3298 Ian Quine (G), 301-654-2146 (school

5527 Surrey Street 4608 Dorset Avenue vacations only) 5919 Cumberland Avenue

Cate Helfgott (GBP), 301-657-3010 David Marx (GBP), 301-951-9593 Katie Steller (B), 301-718-7382

5513 Uppingham Street 5402 Trent Street 5407 Greystone Street

Adam & Daniel Heller (G), 301-654-5497 Michael & Patrick McGarrah (G), 301-652-7385

4803 Falstone Avenue 4608 Dorset Avenue

Council Actions

At the April 3 meeting, the Council took the following actions:

1. Approved a special trash pickup on Friday, May 5, for residents who have large items that cannot go in the regular trash. Cost: \$15 per household.
2. Set the July meeting date for Monday, July 10, and the September date for Tuesday, September 5.
3. Approved a building permit for Stephen and Caroline Springer, 4824 Dorset Avenue, to reconfigure and enlarge their rear deck.
4. Voted to commend the entire maintenance staff for their efforts which resulted in the beautification of the Town parks and entrances.

5. Approved a building permit for Frederick and Rosemary Goodwin, 5712 Warwick Place, to build a partial one-story and a partial two-story addition to the rear of their house.
6. Approved changes to the Rental Agreement and Rules for Use of Town Hall. (Rental rates were not changed.)
7. Endorsed the Million Mom March (scheduled for May 14) and the participation of Town citizens. Authorized use of the Town flag in the march and the Town copier for publicity flyers.
8. Requested the Swimming Pool Committee to recommend a plan for discharging swimming pool water into the sanitary sewer.
9. Authorized the purchase of a 26" aerator from Lawn & Power Equipment for \$2,141.25.
10. Approved the application by Laura Will and Joe Lipscomb to remove 56 trees from 4722 Dorset Avenue (the former Susan Ringland property).
11. Approved \$2,500 for lighting the pool picnic area.

Join Somerset Contingent

TOWN ENDORSES MILLION MOM MARCH

By Tierney Siegel

Please join the Somerset community on Mother's Day, May 14, as we rally on the National Mall to demand that Congress respond to the gun violence our youth suffer today. The Town Council unanimously endorsed the Million Mom March at its April 3 meeting.

The Million Mom March is not an effort to ban handguns or restrict responsible citizens from gun ownership, but an effort to raise awareness of the fact that 13 American children die each day due to gun violence. The loss of 13 children a day must be stopped. We must act NOW if we want our elected officials to respond to this crisis. For Mother's Day 2000, let us join together as a community which will demand protection for our children and future generations.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a non-denominational service on the National Mall. From 10:30 to noon, there will be family activities for all ages. The rally will begin at noon.

Participants are asked to take the subway. Round trip fare for the day is \$2.20. We suggest that fare cards be purchased before the day of the march.

For more information, log onto our Web site at www.millionmommarch.com or call 1-888-989-moms.

To learn how to join Somerset for the march, call Ellen Butts at 301-65(?)2454, Roz Harris at 301-656-1807 or Tierney Siegle at 301-961-9076.

Batter up!

By Laura Kennedy, Batting Cage Committee Chairman

The baseball batting cage, which is located near the Town Hall, is open for the season.

If you are interested in using it, go to the Town Hall and obtain an application from Tom Carter. You will need to give Tom a check for \$40, sign a Waiver Form and obtain a copy of the Rules of Use for the Town

of Somerset Batting Cage as well as operational rules from the manufacturer of the machine. After reading the rules, you must attend a training session before you can obtain a key to the storage closet. You can sign up for a training session by calling Tom Carter at the Town Hall. Once you complete a training session and read all the rules, you may obtain a key to the cage by giving Tom a \$100 deposit.

Even if you registered to use the batting cage last year, you need to **register again for this year**, pay the annual \$40 fee and obtain a new Year 2000 registration card.

Hours of operation for the batting cage are 2:30-5:30 on weekdays when Montgomery County schools are in session, and 11:00-5:00 on other days. Anyone 9 years and older may use the cage if they are accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. You may sign up for 30-minute periods up to three days in advance on the reservation sheets posted near the cage.

Somerset School Modernization

DEMOLITION IS POSSIBILITY

By Dana Fitzgerald

The Somerset modernization process "officially" began last month when Principal Alfred Sklarew appointed the Feasibility Advisory Committee that will assist in developing education specifications for the new school. The committee has 14 members representing the school, the PTA, neighbors and the community.

In addition to Mr. Sklarew, who chairs the committee, there are three staff members (Marcia Bonar, Win Fox and Amy Shapiro), representatives of the Town of Somerset (Dania Fitzgerald) and Chevy Chase Village (Jeff Kampelman), a Drummond neighbor (Michael Cicero) and two school neighbors (Sandra Hughes and Zola Schneider). The four PTA members live in Chevy

Chase West, and six of the committee members are on the Modernization Committee, thus ensuring continuity with its prior work.

The Advisory Committee is working with Robin Adler, an MCPS facilities analyst, to develop specifications for the feasibility study. The study will be completed by September and contain cost estimates for the following possibilities: (1) totally renovating the building and adding sufficient space to conform with specifications, (2) renovating part of the building and adding space, and (3) demolishing the building and beginning anew. These estimated costs will be used to determine the construction approach. By the end of this month, an architect will be selected to conduct the feasibility study.

The specifications will be the basis for the feasibility study and will eventually be used when designing the building. The County provides standard specifications for elementary school construction. The Advisory Committee reviews the specifications, making changes and additions so that they reflect Somerset's uniqueness with respect to programs and activities, property size and community setting.

The committee has met four times and is scheduled to finish this phase of its work by the end of the month. After an architect is selected, the committee will work with him/her during the feasibility study.

Correspondence from Citizens

HELP CONQUER HUNGER BY CLICKING MOUSE

At this time of year when our thoughts turn to our spring and summer pursuits, and as the IMF protests are fresh in our minds, let's not forget those who are hungry, cold and without means to easily help themselves.

By visiting the U.N. Hunger Web site at <http://www.thehungeRsite.com> and clicking a button ^¾ somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. Corporate sponsors pay for the food. All you do is click. One click per day is allowed so bookmark the site ^¾ and make it a daily habit.

You can read more at <http://www.feedmag.com/daily/dy120899.html>. I have done extensive research to validate this site, and I encourage you to check it out. Thanks.

Gayley Knight

Cumberland Avenue

THANKS FOR SAVING RUSSIAN ORPHAN

Many thanks to all our neighbors who responded generously to the Henderson family of Gaithersburg. They are the grandparents who wanted to adopt a young boy, Nicholas, from a Russian orphanage but lacked sufficient funds to do so. Their story was written up in the *Montgomery Gazette* a month ago, and I distributed copies of it along with a cover letter explaining why I felt this such a worthy effort to support.

Thanks to your contributions, Carl and Elisabeth Henderson were able to fly to Russia and adopt Nicholas last week. He is physically limited $\frac{3}{4}$ at nearly four years old, he looks like a very small two-year-old $\frac{3}{4}$ but he is full of spirit and bounce and overjoyed to be here. Elisabeth and Carl were deeply moved that so many people whom they did not know, both young and old, helped to make their dream come true. Without your help, they could not have done it.

So give yourselves a pat on the back. You have saved Nicholas' life and given him a happy home. After he has had time to adjust, they hope to bring him and his sister, Holli, to Somerset. We'll have a gathering at our house so that you can have a chance to meet them.

Ellie Fink

Dorset Avenue

Ride-On Buses

KIDS TRAVEL FREE ON WEEKENDS

Beginning on May 8, elementary, middle and high school students may ride free on County Ride-On buses every weekday from 2 to 7 p.m. The program is designed to reduce congestion and improve air quality and safety by providing students an alternative to driving.

To help bus drivers identify public, private and parochial school children who are not obviously younger than 18, schools will distribute free passes to those students who do not have student ID cards.

For more information, call Ride-On at 240-777-7433 or contact the office via the internet at www.dpwt.com.

Affairs of State

DELEGATION WILL SUMMARIZE NEW LEGISLATION

Our (District 16) delegation to the recently completed session of the General Assembly will hold a town meeting Thursday, May 18, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. Senator Brian Frosh of Somerset and Delegates Bill Bronrott, Marilyn Goldwater and Nancy Kopp will speak with constituents about accomplishments and disappointments of the State legislature.

The B-CC Services Center is located at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Edgemoor Lane, just across the street from La Madeleine French Bakery and the Old Georgetown Road Safeway. The Bethesda Metro station and bus bay are just across the street. Parking is available in the County garage located underneath the building's plaza. The garage entrance is on Woodmont Avenue, just south of Old Georgetown Road.

Golf Courses

PLAY ALL FIVE; WIN FREE ROUND

Montgomery County's Golf Tour 2000 is a new program designed to promote play at the five golf courses run by the County's Revenue Authority. These courses include the Falls Road course in Potomac as well as courses in Mt. Airy, Poolesville, Laytonsville and Ashton.

Golfers interested in participating can pick up a Tour 2000 card at any of the five Revenue Authority courses. Cardholders who play all five courses receive a free round of golf at the course of their choice.

Participants are also eligible to win a variety of prizes including a golf getaway weekend, golf clubs, Orioles baseball tickets and more. The Golf Tour 2000 program will run through December 31.

For more information, contact the nearest Revenue Authority golf course or check out the Web site at www.montgomerycountygolf.

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