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4th of July Celebration

FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS, 5TH GRADE GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED

Come to Somerset's grandest social event of the year. Bring yourself, your family, your decorated bicycles and your picnic lunch to the Town Hall at noon on Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4.

- Former Town Councilmembers will be honored and will receive a surprise gift.
- Likewise, Town of Somerset residents who have just graduated from Somerset School. We have a different surprise for them.
- Punch and cupcakes.
- Antique cars, including a gullwing 1955 Mercedes, a Volvo, a Portia, an MG, Alfa Romeo, BMW, Cadillac $\frac{3}{4}$ even a Plymouth and Ford.
- Fire truck and Rescue Squad vehicle.
- Public officials $\frac{3}{4}$ Connie Morella, Doug Duncan, County Councilmembers and our own State Senator Brian Frosh.
- Patriotic music.
- Egg toss and other games for kids and former kids who would be kids again.
- Parade to pool for coin toss, greased watermelons, T-shirt relay $\frac{3}{4}$ even swimming.

Come at 11 if you can help Joan Rabinor with decorations. Call Bob Bookman (301-986-5961) if you can assist with games and contests and Howard Byron (301-656-9496) if you would like to show off your vintage vehicle.

In case of rain, the festivities will take place Sunday, July 9. Please call 301-654-1258 if the weather is questionable.

Making Waves

DOLPHINS BREAK RECORDS, WIN FIRST MEET

By Sarah Morse

The Somerset Dolphins started the season with a surprise 402 to 343 victory over third seeded Forest Knolls. It was a spectacular first meet. Somerset swimmers came in first in 36 out of 50 events. Three pool records were broken and two swimmers swam all-star nominating times.

New resident Leah Loversky, age 8, retired two records. With a freestyle time of 18.53, she broke the record set in 1978 by Giulia Bisconti. She also broke Merrill Fortier's 1995 record for girls 8-and-under butterfly with a time of 23.25. Adam Bookman, age 14, broke the breast stroke record set by Brendan Kerr in 1993 with his time of 38.06. Adam now holds the team breast stroke records in four age categories $\frac{3}{4}$ 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Both these swimmers received all-star nominating times for their swims.

80 Dolphins, 40 Minis

The Dolphin team continues to grow. With four coaches and 80 swimmers, the team is showing its strength. Head coach Maleka Vrana is joined by assistant coaches Ian Mitchard, Jake Goss and Nina Kessler.

The developmental team, the Minis, has become a very popular afternoon activity. More than 40 swimmers participate. Coach Jake Goss is ably assisted by teenagers Maurie Kathan, Sarah Sullivan, Katie Steller and Adam Bookman.

Social events have also been very successful. The season opened with a pizza party attended by almost 200. The school's out party had a lively crew of kids eating pizza and ice cream and making banners and signs for the meet. The first week of morning practice featured breakfast with the coaches, always a popular event.

Swim season continues until July 22. We have two more home meets, Saturday, June 24, at 9:00, warm-ups at 8:00, and Sunday, July 16, at 5:00, warm-ups at 4:00. The division championship meet is

on July 22, followed by the season's finale, the team banquet. Please check the team bulletin board to follow our progress and help cheer the swimmers.

POOL COMMITTEE SHORT ONE MEMBER

Due to the resignation of Katie Steller, the Swimming Pool Committee has a vacancy. If you are interested, please call Mayor Behr by **Monday, July 3**. Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment is on the agenda for the July 10 Town Council meeting.

Although there are no rigid rules governing appointments, an effort is made to balance the committee so that all ages and parts of Town are represented, as well as males and females and families with and without children. Katie Steller is a high school student. Terms are three years. Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Members of the committee are: Alan Proctor, chairman; Sarah Morse, swim team representative; Rick Kessler, Councilmember; Toni Farrell; Florence Gang; Julie Greenberg; Penny Helfgott; Ruth Koffsky; Donna McDougal; Joan Rabinor; and Norm Schneider.

The Mayor's Den

COUNTY COUNCIL ORDERS DORSET TRAFFIC STUDY

It could be many months until construction starts on the Chevy Chase Center as a result of a County Council decision on June 13 ordering new traffic studies, which are not permitted during the summer when schools are out and residents are apt to be out of town.

County Hearing Examiner Philip Tierney recommended last February that at least nine intersections be studied. Chevy Chase Land Company, which owns Chevy Chase Center, argued before the Council that new studies were not needed. The Council unanimously voted for a compromise proposed by Councilmember Ike Leggett requiring studies of the following four intersections:

- Dorset and Wisconsin
- Bradley and Wisconsin
- Bradley and Connecticut
- Western and 41st Street, N.W.

Developer Could Go to Court

However, the possibility exists that the County Council decision could be nullified in Montgomery County Circuit Court if the developer appeals the Council decision and the court sides with the Land Company. As of now, no appeal has been filed.

If the traffic studies are conducted, they will be followed by new hearings by the hearing examiner. He will then submit new recommendations to the County Council. The Council will hold new hearings and eventually have to vote again.

The discussion above concerns rezoning the Chevy Chase Center parking lot. The future of the other half of the site $\frac{3}{4}$ the shopping center $\frac{3}{4}$ is already in Circuit Court as a result of a suit filed by Chevy Chase Village and the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights. The lawsuit is against the Montgomery County Board for approving the site plan for redevelopment of the center. A hearing on the case is scheduled for July 19.

OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND STREET ACTIVITY

Have you noticed painted red rings on a number of Pepco poles around Town? Who is responsible and what is the significance?

A Potomac Electric Power Company contractor, W. A. Chester, is doing the painting as part of the preparation for the arrival of Starpower, a cable TV company which will compete with Cable TV Montgomery. The marked poles will be replaced in the next month or two with higher ones so that the various wires and cables on the poles will be a safe distance apart.

Some tree trimming will probably be necessary, but the contractor promises we will be notified in advance so that our gardener/horticulturist, Jonathan Dawkins, can keep an eye on their work.

Starpower expects to be operating in Somerset this fall. A subsidiary of Pepco, Starpower plans to offer not only cable TV, but also Internet access and telephone service.

Silver Linings OK, but Plastic Preferable

Underground, it's the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission which has been making it difficult to drive on Cumberland Avenue between Surrey Street and Devon Lane. First, they replaced two faulty junctions connecting four-inch house sewer lines with the six-inch main line deep under the street.

Then came the neat part. Instead of digging a trench in the street to replace the aging main line, they lined the old pipe with plastic, working through manholes.

In time $\frac{3}{4}$ a short time, we hope $\frac{3}{4}$ a WSSC contractor will install permanent patches over the excavations and replace damaged curbs.

4615 N. PARK WILL ADD FITNESS CENTER

By virtue of a variance granted by the County Board of Appeals, the highrise apartment building in Friendship Heights known as 4615 North Park will soon be adding a one-story exercise/fitness center on the roof. The building is the one that overlooks our Town swimming pool on the bathhouse side.

Dimensions of the addition will be 28-plus feet by 64 feet and will vary between 15 feet and 9 feet high. It will not be as tall or wide as the existing, adjacent elevator shaft and cooling tower. The addition will be made primarily of glass.

Neither the Somerset Town Council nor any other group or individual objected to the proposed addition.

FINANCIAL FLASHES

STANDARD AND POOR'S has assigned its AAAM rating to the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool, in which about half of the Town's surplus funds are invested. AAAM is the highest rating given to money market funds.

The fund was created in 1982 under the administrative control of the State Treasurer. Investments are limited to short-term U.S. Treasury obligations, agency paper, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper (maximum 5 percent of portfolio), government money market funds and repurchase agreements fully collateralized by U.S. Treasuries.

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VEHICLE REGISTRATION of Somerset residents increased by one-third from last year to this. The count for Year 2000 is 1,134, up from 854 last year.

The vehicle registration count determines the share of highway user fees paid to Somerset by the State of Maryland. It is our third largest income source (after State income tax and property tax).

Revenue sources for the highway user fund include gasoline tax; vehicle titling tax; vehicle rental, sales and use tax; and vehicle registration fees.

AFRICAN AMERICAN WILL LEAD MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

One of the highlights of the annual Maryland Municipal League convention, which Tom Carter and I attended, was the election, for the first time, of an African American as first vice president. It is customary for the first v.p. to succeed to the presidency the following year.

The new vice president of the organization of Maryland towns and cities is David C. Harrington, Mayor of Bladensburg in Prince George's County. In addition to serving as mayor, he works full time as associate director of the Academy of Leadership, an education and research institute affiliated with the University of Maryland-College Park, where he is responsible for managing a \$2.6 million budget and a staff of 120.

Governor Parris N. Glendening, who swore in the new officers, stated: "I'm really pleased...I think it's tremendous. It not only reflects the great diversity of the State, but the large number of municipalities that are majority African American. I think this is a big step for them as well."

The Maryland Municipal League represents over 150 municipal governments and two special taxing districts throughout the State. A voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by these city and town governments, the League works to strengthen the role and capacity of municipal government through research, legislation, technical assistance, training and the dissemination of information to its members.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

FOURTH OF JULY SCHEDULE

The Town picnic/celebration beginning at noon is not the only thing happening in Somerset on Independence Day.

Since the fourth is on Tuesday, house and yard refuse and recycling will be picked up as usual. Be sure to have everything out early as the J&J crew will want to get through Town as soon as possible to enjoy the holiday themselves.

The Town office will be closed.

DRIVING SAFETY

School is out, so please drive slowly through Town. Our maintenance men also appreciate your consideration while they are working in the streets or driving one of our slow-moving tractors. Please exercise caution when approaching them.

TOWN TREES AND GROUNDS

Don't forget to help us by watering the Town trees in your yard when no rain has fallen in several days.

Reminder: The Town Code says that trees and shrubbery should be pruned and trimmed so that they do not overhang sidewalks for a height of eight feet. New bushes must be planted far enough from sidewalks so that they may be kept a foot from sidewalks after they mature.

We have received calls recently of dog droppings in residents' yards and in the Town parks. Please help keep parklands and streets clean by picking up after your dogs.

SOMERSET QUIET HOURS

Reminder: The Town Code prohibits loud noise between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. daily. This applies to noise from sources associated with residential living, such as blowers, power mowers and chain saws. In other words, these and similar noise makers may be used only between 9 in the morning and 9 in the evening.

The same hours apply to construction on weekends and holidays; that is, it may occur only between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. On weekdays, it is legal to start at 7 a.m.

VACATION PRECAUTIONS

A few precautions may enhance your vacation this year. Consider these:

1. Cancel your newspapers and get a neighbor to pick up newspapers and flyers that are deposited on your property.
 2. Arrange to have your lawn cut while you are away.
 3. Give a key to a neighbor just in case of emergency.
 4. Arrange to have a neighbor, friend or relative know how to turn off your security system if it is activated.
 5. Install timers on some of the lights in your home and set them to come on at different times.
 6. If you drive, be certain that all passengers use seat belts. Also, stop and rest when you are tired.
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PERMITS GRANTED

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

Trees: Tom Joseph, 5604 Surrey Street, to remove two dying elms in his side yard facing Essex Avenue..

James Regan, 5809 Surrey Street, to remove a black walnut leaning over a neighbor's house.

Curb Cut: Stephanie and David Lynn, 5515 Surrey Street, to redirect rooftop water drainage.

Dumpster: Anne and Dean Yap, 4805 Cumberland Avenue, to place a dumpster in front of their house.

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 Katie Steller (B), 301-718-7382

5527 Surrey Street 4608 Dorset Avenue 5407 Greystone Street

Cate Helfgott (GBP), 301-657-3010 David Marx (GBP), 301-951-9593

5513 Uppingham Street 5402 Trent Street

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

4803 Falstone Avenue 4608 Dorset Avenue

Legislation

At the June 5 meeting, the Council adopted the Mayor's proposed budget for FY-01 and property tax rate of \$.22 per \$100 assessed value, a 12 percent reduction from FY-00, which, in turn, was a 10.7 percent reduction from FY-99.

Council Actions

At the June 5 meeting, the Council took the following actions:

1. Approved the following fund transfers:

Amount From To

\$ 3,000 CPF Contingency GF Legal Fees

1,000 GF Contingency GF Staff Training

7,000 GF Contingency GF Town Hall/Garage

3,000 GF Contingency GF Snow/Sand

5,000 CPF Contingency GF Contract - Trees & Grounds

15,000 GF Contingency GF Trees, Grounds & Parks Supplies

10,000 GF Contingency GF Leaves

15,000 CPF Contingency CPF Swimming Pool

3,000 CPF Contingency CPF Batting Cage

2. Reappointed Tom Carter as Clerk-Treasurer for FY-01.

3. Received the Maryland Municipal League's *Maryland's 157*, a book on the incorporated municipalities of Maryland, from President Jay Gullo and Executive Director Scott Hancock. Anne Proctor also received the President's Merit Award from them for her service on the League's Legislative Committee this past year.

4. Voted to recommend approval to the Historic Preservation Commission of Tom and Judy Bowles' plans to build an arbor and trellis in their back yard at 5816 Surrey Street.

5. Heard a presentation by Pepco Energy Policy Specialist Karen Parham on electricity deregulation and options for residents in choice of suppliers.

6. Heard a report from Principal Alfred Sklarew and Bill Flynt, Modernization Committee Chairman, regarding the status of modernization plans for Somerset School.

7. Agreed to allow the swim team to use all lap lanes at the pool between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

8. Heard a report by the Mayor on his emergency authorization of \$1,290 to replace all faucets and drains at the swimming pool bathhouse.

9. Approved Anne Proctor's proposed draft legislation request regarding costs associated with undergrounding utilities for submission to the Maryland Municipal League for the 2001 legislative session.

10. Took no action on the Mayor's request to use the County contractor for creek erosion control work rather than get competitive bids.

11. Approved a building permit for Jim Losey and Alex Acosta, 4700 Essex Avenue, to revise their existing permit by adding a screened porch and relocating their air conditioner.

12. Approved a building permit for Kathy Epstein, 5520 Trent Street, to replace her portico.

Correspondence from Citizens

BREAST CANCER WALKERS COMMENDED

I would like to commend the four women mentioned in last month's *Town Journal* who participated in the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. A commendation should go to Nancy Batson, another Town resident, who also walked $\frac{3}{4}$ and to any other residents whom we may not know but who should be recognized.

Gayley Knight

Cumberland Avenue

RUNNING IN MARINE MARATHON TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS

You may have seen me running at the crack of dawn. The reason I've been getting up at 5 o'clock is so that I can make it across the Marine Corps Marathon finish line. Yep, I'll be running 26.2 miles October 22. What has inspired me is to raise money for the Whitman-Walker clinic, the leading provider of AIDS services in the Metropolitan area.

There are many people who can't, like us, walk down a street canopied by cherry blossoms or spend a hot, summer afternoon cooling themselves at the pool. They are struggling with a life-threatening disease, and they are desperate for not only medical assistance, but love, friendship and, most of all, more time to live.

More than 40,000 Americans are infected with HIV every year. Worldwide over 30 million adults and children are living with HIV/AIDS. Most alarming, the National Security Agency said that HIV/AIDS has become a threat to global stability.

These are the reasons I am committed to raise \$2,620 before August 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ that's \$100 for each mile (plus the last two-tenths!). If each Somerset household donates \$100 (that's less than one night out for a movie, a modest dinner for two and money for a babysitter), I can exceed my goal and raise more money for the much-needed services Whitman-Walker provides. If you can't afford \$100, please give what you can. An easy way to donate is to visit the training program's

web site at aidsmarathon.com. Or you can send a check to National Aids Marathon Training Program, P.O. Box 14520, Washington, DC 20044-4520, or drop off at 4805 Grantham Avenue.

Thank you. When I cross that finish line, I'll know that you were there by my side, helping to combat this devastating disease.

Emily R. Kelley

Grantham Avenue

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Somerset School Service Learning

SKIP PROGRAM OBSERVES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Adapted from an article by Sandra Hughes in the June 13 issue

of The Somerset Elementary School weekly newspaper

Earlier this month, kindergartners gathered at the Friendship Heights Village Center to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Somerset's innovative service learning program, Somerset Kids Participating (SKIP).

The occasion was also a reunion $\frac{3}{4}$ 15 of the original kindergartners who had participated in the program (now tenth graders), along with one of their teachers, Cheryl Dawkins Pulliam, joined the seniors and kindergartners in celebrating the accomplishments of SKIP and honoring Anne Proctor, who started the program in 1989.

Anne developed the program when her first child, Chris, entered kindergarten. Believing that even in the elementary school years children could participate in a meaningful way in service learning projects, Anne created a program of monthly visits between seniors and kindergartners. Each monthly visit was $\frac{3}{4}$ and still is $\frac{3}{4}$ organized around a joint activity, such as playing games or doing an art project, and over the course of the year, many of the kindergartners and seniors developed close bonds.

As Chris moved through the school, the SKIP program was expanded one grade at a time, adding service learning projects appropriate to each grade level.

First Project of Type in State

The SKIP program was the first service learning project in a public elementary school in Maryland, and over the years the program has been honored and recognized for its innovation and accomplishments. SKIP was cited as a model program by the Governor's Commission of

Service Learning, and Anne Proctor was appointed to serve on that commission as the only parent representative.

In honoring Anne, Cheryl Dawkins Pulliam, the kindergarten teacher when SKIP was born, praised her "energy, vision, dedication and enthusiasm" and cited SKIP as an example of "what one person with an idea can accomplish." Anne told the tenth graders that she had envisioned SKIP as a program that would help "keep the flame of caring burning" in our children, despite the many distractions in their busy lives, and that the presence of the tenth graders at the reunion showed that the SKIP program had a lasting impact.

Over the last 11 years, Anne has consistently supported and contributed to the school in many ways, including serving as PTA co-president. She will leave a lasting legacy $\frac{3}{4}$ Somerset's commitment to the value and importance of service learning as an integral part of education throughout the elementary school years.

Bamboo for Your Garden

CONTAINING, CONTROLLING, REMOVING IT

By Rob Soreng

Last in a series

For information on control and elimination of bamboos, see the American Bamboo Society notes at: <http://www.halcyon.com/abs/ControllingBamboo.html>. They provide specifications for barriers and good maintenance practices. If you want to plant a running species, they recommend burying a three-foot-wide sheet of "...high-density polypropylene, 40 mil or heavier, glued or taped at junctions, or clamped with stainless-steel clamps.

"This material comes in rolls, or as hinged sections, and is available from some landscape suppliers and bamboo nurseries, frequently termed 'root barrier.'" This should fully surround the area to be planted and be buried so that six inches protrude above ground. This will force new runners up into the air where they can be readily spotted and removed. Even clumping types ought to be grown in buried containers or pots of heavy plastic or concrete.

Herbicide treatments have frequently proven ineffective for controlling bamboos, so containment and vigilant gardening practices are essential, especially if you plant running bamboos. However, the following procedure developed by Dr. Francis Gouin (UMD) and used by the National Park Service has proven effective:

1. Cut the bamboo down to the ground in late spring.
2. Let it regrow over the summer.

3. In the fall (Oct. or early Nov.), on a **calm**, clear, sunny day, spray the leaves with *Roundup (at 2-3%

glyphosate), according to the label. Apply thoroughly, to the point of drip.

4. Wait 10-14 days and reapply Roundup at the same concentration.

5. Leave the stand alone until the following spring when it should be dead and ready for removal.

*Know your poison (glyphosate kills all plants):

<http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/media/factsheets/glyphosate.htm>

More information on cultivated bamboos: The book entitled "Bamboos," by Christine Recht and Max F. Wetterwald, published by Timber Press, 1992, is very useful. Also, the American Bamboo Society has lots of information: <http://www.halcyon.com/abs>.

Obituaries

DORIS R. DREIMAN, 78, DIES

Doris R. Dreiman, a 49-year resident of Trent Street, died in Suburban Hospital on June 14 at the age of 78. She had been active as a volunteer in the fields of art and occupational therapy.

Mrs. Dreiman was born in Aurora, Illinois, and, prior to her marriage, lived most of the time in Chicago. She was a graduate of the Laboratory School of the University of Chicago and attended Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin. She was a student and, later, a staff member of the Decorative Art Department of the Chicago Institute of Art.

As a volunteer, she undertook assignments for the Temple Sinai Art Committee and the Golden Art Gallery of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington. She also volunteered in the Occupational Therapy Department of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. Mrs. Dreiman was an active member of Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Somerset Garden Club.

Mrs. Dreiman had the distinction of holding U.S. diplomatic passport number 1 during her husband's assignment in Paris on the staff of Ambassador Averill Harriman. This resulted in her receiving unanticipated special treatment during her travels in Europe.

Survivors are her husband of 51 years, Lawrence; sons, Rabbi Nahum Ben-Yehuda of Israel and Dr. Chester J. Dreiman of Boulder, CO; daughter, Malka D. Hellinger of New York, NY; one granddaughter and nine grandsons.

ROBERT SNYDER DEAD AT 91

Robert S. Snyder, Jr., 91, who served in the Naval Dental Corps for 30 years before retiring in 1965 as a captain, died of a heart ailment May 25 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He lived on Falstone Avenue for 42 years.

Capt. Snyder was a graduate of Muhlenberg College in his native Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania dental school. He received his Navy commission in 1935.

During World War II, he served as a dentist aboard ships in the Pacific.

In the 1950s, his assignments included tours as executive officer of the Navy dental school at Bethesda and as commanding officer of the dental clinic at the U.S. base on Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His last assignment was in the office of the Navy's inspector general for medical and dental affairs.

After retiring from the Navy, Bob worked for the American Dental Association on indexing projects at the National Library of Medicine. He also did legal consulting on medical matters.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, the former Evelyn Schaden, of Somerset; a son, Robert III, of Monrovia, MD; a daughter, Jane Snyder Garbacz of Amherst, NH; and five grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda 20814.

MARCIA JEAN MILLER, 80; LIBRARIAN

Marcia Jean Miller, 80, a resident of Trent Street for 45 years, died in Doctors Community Hospital in Prince George's County on April 3. Since 1997 she had lived in the Collington Episcopal Life Care Center in Mitchellville, MD.

A resident of the Washington area from infancy, Ms. Miller graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1942. After working at the Library of Congress, she earned a B.S. in Library Science from Columbia University.

Most of her career was spent as a librarian at the Freer Gallery and the United States Department of Labor. She retired from the Labor Department as Assistant Librarian.

Ms. Miller is survived by her older sister, Eliza Miller of Mitchellville, who lived with Marcia Jean on Trent Street and in the Collington Life Care Center.

County Matters

REC PROGRAM FOR PRE- AND YOUNG TEENS

Young people 12 to 15 years old are invited to join one of the summer teen centers sponsored by the County Department of Recreation. Programs started this week and will run through July 28 at four schools including Cabin John Middle School in Potomac.

The centers provide drop-in and recreational programs featuring basketball, soccer, art projects, games, tournaments, off-site trips and special events. Programs are offered in two-week sessions, and, as a service for working parents, extended camp is available from 7-9 a.m. and from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$80 per session for the camp program, \$25 per session for morning or afternoon extended camp and \$50 per session for both extended camp programs.

For information, call the Department of Recreation at 240-777-6960.

LIBRARY NEEDS HUMAN PAGES

The Bethesda Regional Library on Arlington Road has lots and lots of pages inside book covers, but needs human pages to work part time putting books and other materials in their proper places on shelves.

Applicants must:

- Be at least 14 years old and have a Social Security number and work permit from a school counselor if under 18;
- Have completed eighth grade, have some knowledge of the Dewey Decimal system and be able to alphabetize;
- Be able to move a 60-pound book cart as well as reach, stoop and bend;
- Be available during library hours, although working hours are flexible.

For more information, call Lucy or Fay at 301-986-4300.

VACANCY COMING UP ON BOARD OF APPEALS

As of September, term of Donald Spence, chairman of the County Board of Appeals, will expire. Therefore, the County Council is accepting applications to fill the vacancy. The deadline for filing is Wednesday, July 19.

Most of the cases coming to the Board are requests for special exceptions and variances from the County Zoning Ordinance. The case load requires hearings all day on most Wednesdays and work sessions every other week. Members receive \$12,443 annually, the chairman, \$17,818.

Details are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board.

TRAIL USERS WILL DISCUSS AMENITIES, SAFETY

Attention, hikers, bikers and skaters who use the Capital Crescent Trail. You may want to attend a meeting Thursday, June 29, to discuss managing the facility more efficiently and consistently. The session will take place in the Glen Echo Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. (call 301-320-4041 for directions).

Basis for discussion will be the draft of a Cooperative Management Plan, copies of which are available for pickup at the Montgomery County Planning Board, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. The plan includes design standards for trail amenities such as rest areas, benches, water fountains, signage and landscaping, as well as guidelines for safety and emergency responses.

Of its 12-mile length, the 3.9-mile section in D.C. is managed by the National Park Service. The 3.6-mile portion extending south from downtown Bethesda to the Montgomery County/D.C. line is operated by the Planning Board. The third part, a 4.5-mile stretch between Bethesda and Silver Spring, is controlled by the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation.

FIRE BOARD RAISING FUNDS FOR RESCUE EQUIPMENT

The Bethesda Fire Department, the "first call" station for Somerset, gets most of its funds from Montgomery County. However, the Department conducts an annual fund drive to purchase life saving and fire fighting equipment not available from the County.

This year, the Department hopes to purchase thermal imaging devices that allow firefighters, by "seeing" through smoke, to rescue occupants quickly and locate the source of fire for more rapid extinguishment. If contributions permit, the Department will purchase pulse oximeters, which instantly monitor the percentage of oxygen in the blood. This assists firefighters in administering proper emergency medical care.

Contributions may be sent to the Bethesda Fire Department, P.O. Box 30384, Bethesda 20814.

Somerset is fortunate to have two residents on the Bethesda Fire Board. Sanford Kay is our official Town representative, and Councilmember Nat Finkelstein is an at-large member of the Board.

CALLING CERTAIN 5TH GRADE FATHER

I would appreciate hearing from the Town of Somerset resident who ran into my car on Warwick Place, between Essex and Dorset, on Wednesday evening, June 14, just before 7 p.m. As he was in a hurry to attend the 5th grade graduation at Somerset School, we did not have time to exchange the precise information I need for my insurance company.

Carolyn Bastian

Warwick Place

Somerset School Modernization

3 MORE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Three public meetings, listed below, have been scheduled in July to continue discussion of possible plans for modernizing Somerset Elementary School. Construction is scheduled for the 2002-2003 school year. All sessions will take place in the school.

· July 6, Thursday, 7:45 **a.m.**

· July 11, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. The single purpose of this meeting is to discuss the pros and cons of building a **gym** for the school.

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