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2nd Annual Junque Sale

FEE ONLY \$5 FOR OCT. 8 EXTRAVAGANZA

By Alex Dunn

The Town's second annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 to 2:00. Rain date is the following day, Sunday, October 8. Households wishing to participate will display their wares in front of their own homes.

A check for \$5 will put you in business. It will be used for newspaper ads and signs. Make it out to "Alex Dunn," and send it to 5610 Warwick Place.

Hints: Remember, "one man's junk is another man's treasure." Price all items; be ready to negotiate your asking price; don't shoo away the early birds -- they are there to BUY. Finally, remember to remove all unsold items from the curb after the sale ends.

Volunteers are needed to help post signs on Friday, October 6, and remove them the following afternoon. To volunteer or get further information, call me at 301-986-0316.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

SPECIAL TRASH PICKUP

If you would like to dispose of former treasures left over from the Town yard sale on Saturday, October 7, (Sunday, the 8, in case of rain) or if you prefer not to participate, you will have another chance to get rid of items too large for the regular trash. The Town Council authorized a special trash collection the following Friday, October 13. Those wishing to participate must send a \$15 check, payable to "Town of Somerset," to Town Hall no later than October 11. 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 collection. Special trash is defined as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances; furniture or parts thereof; large toys, bicycles, swing sets (broken down into smaller parts); bathtubs, sinks, and toilets; and iron pipe, gutters/downspouts or fence pieces under six feet long. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners must be emptied of Freon in order to be picked up. If items are in bundles, they must be light enough for two men to carry.

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; paint cans; flammable or hazardous liquids or solids; ammunition or explosives; large rocks; and dead animals.

Collection will start at 7:00 a.m., so be sure to have your items out early that morning or the night before.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Saturday, October 21st, is the next date for collection of hazardous waste at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda. The site is on Wilson Drive, which is off Wisconsin Avenue/Rockville Pike.

The following materials will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.: pesticides, oil-based paint, brake fluid, herbicides, solvents, antifreeze, photographic chemicals, paint thinners, motor oil, auto and household batteries.

For more information, call 240-777-6400.

LEAF COLLECTION

Vacuuming of leaves piled on the grass near the curb will begin in October and continue into December. PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. KINDLY INFORM YOUR LAWN SERVICE OF THIS REQUEST.

We also ask that you ensure the piles consist only of leaves - NO STICKS, STONES, BRICKS OR OTHER DENSE OR SHARP DEBRIS. These materials will damage the machinery blades.

We are following the same procedure as in the past. Each morning the maintenance men survey the Town streets and start vacuuming where the biggest piles exist. They then move on to the next biggest piles, and so on. Through streets will still be done regularly to keep the traffic moving smoothly.

Residents who prefer to bag their leaves or dispose of them in a mulch pile in their yards are urged to do so. Leaves in PAPER BAGS or REUSABLE CONTAINERS will be picked up on TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS by our trash company, J&J Inc. Please place in front yards near the curb. Plastic bags may NOT be used. Leaf burning is PROHIBITED!

2001 CALENDARS

League of Women Voters calendars for 2001 are available at the Town Hall for \$5, or call Betty Palmer at 301-654-1115.

PERMITS GRANTED

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

Trees: Marnie Shaul, 5509 Uppingham Street, to remove a pine tree in the back yard along the northeast lot line in order to erect a fence later.

Fences: Diego and Alicia Calderon, 4922 Dorset Avenue, to replace the fence in their side and back yards with a board-on-batten fence.

Legislation

At the September 5 meeting, the Council did not second a motion to change the one-way restrictions on Warwick Place and Cumberland Avenue from SCHOOL DAYS to WEEKDAYS. Therefore, no action was taken on this issue.

Council Actions

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

1. Heard a report by Councilmember Anne Proctor on her presentation to the Maryland Municipal League's legislative committee regarding draft legislation for State assistance with underground utilities.

2. Approved a snow removal and sanding contract with Mulheron Tree Experts at the same rates as last year with Rolling Acres including option for sidewalk shoveling.

3. Approved a special trash pickup on Friday, October 13, at a cost of \$15 per household, for residents who have large items that cannot go in the regular trash.
4. Voted to recommend approval to the County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and approved Town building, driveway apron, fence and tree removal permits subject to the HPC approval and receipt of County building and fence permits for Joe Lipscomb and Laura Will, 4722 Dorset Avenue. [The Historic Preservation Commission approved the plans on September 13.]
5. Voted to contribute to Montgomery Municipal Cable a possible reimbursement from Comcast Cable TV for the time Councilmember Anne Proctor spend in helping to negotiate the new cable agreement.

TAXES DUE SEPT. 30

REMINDER: Property taxes are due Saturday, September 30. It may seem confusing that your bill - which includes Town tax - came from Rockville, but your check should go to "Montgomery County, Maryland," P.O. Box 17448, Baltimore, MD 21297-1448. If you have a question, call 240-777-8950.

This year, for the first time, semi-annual payments may be made with no interest or service charge.

Making Waves

SEASON ENDS OCTOBER 1 WITH DOG SWIM

By Sarah Morse

The swim season isn't quite over. Humans and dogs have one more weekend to enjoy our heated pool. The pool will be open on Saturday, September 30, from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for human swimmers.

Then, back by popular demand, the third annual dog swim will mark the official end of the pool season. From 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, canine swimmers are welcome to use the pool. The rules are the same as last year. People may not swim with the dogs, and everyone is requested to clean up after their pet. Bags and antiseptic spray will be available for any accidents.

The Pool Committee will be having its annual citizens feedback meeting at the Town Hall on Monday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. We had one of the fullest seasons ever. There were water aerobics classes, group lessons, a masters program and the largest swim team ever. Social events included potluck dinners, movie nights, a lovely party for adults, a tots' party and endless raft

nights. Everyone is invited to share their comments on the season and suggestions for next year. The committee welcomes all input on how to make the pool more enjoyable for all Town residents.

The last four weeks of the season were marked with several special events. Two movie nights and a potluck dinner attracted a number of residents. Thank you to David Kathan for organizing these evenings. The New Residents Welcoming Party was a big success. Thanks to Bonnie Lewin, ably assisted by Ellen Butts, for doing such a wonderful job making everyone feel right at home in their new neighborhood. The Pool Committee also expresses its appreciation to all residents and pool staff who pitch in at these occasions, moving tables and helping with the setup and cleanup. It is the help that makes it possible to have so many wonderful events.

The Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

SOMERSET WINS TOP BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Congratulations to Gardener/ Horticulturist Jonathan Dawkins and the Parks and Natural Resources Committee on winning the top award for the Dorset/Wisconsin gardens in the County Beautification Contest. Councilmember Nat Finkelstein represented the Town at the award ceremony in Rockville on September 19 and brought home a blue ribbon, a handsome plaque and a framed picture of the landscaping. They will be displayed in the Town Hall.

Thanks also to Judy Frankel, Vice President of the Town Council, for preparing the application and to Ruth Ephraim, who took the photographs that were a key part of the application.

Only one other municipality, Gaithersburg, won the top honor, which is known as the award of excellence.

SIGN UP NOW FOR FLU, PNEUMONIA SHOTS

On Friday, November 3, residents will be able to get flu shots in the Town Hall between 4 and 7 p.m. This year, for the first time, pneumonia shots will also be available. Minimum age for both is 18 years.

You may come for your shot or shots anytime between 4 and 7, but you must sign up with Tom Carter in the Town Hall by Wednesday noon, November 1, indicating whether you want a flu or pneumonia vaccination or both. The purpose of the sign-up is to advise the MedStar Health Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) how many registered nurses and what quantity of vaccines and other supplies they should provide.

No charge if Covered by Medicare.

VNA will accept Medicare payment in full for either or both shots if you have Part B coverage and are not enrolled in an HMO. Be sure to bring your Medicare card with you. The cost for others is \$15 for a flu shot and \$25 for pneumonia vaccine. \$5 of each fee is a tax-deductible contribution to provide charitable home and hospice care. **Please remember to bring a check with you** if you are not covered by Medicare.

You should consult your physician before deciding whether or not to get a pneumonia shot. You should consider getting a flu shot if you --

- Have demanding family or work responsibilities and can't risk being sick or taking sick leave;
- Wish to reduce your chances of catching the flu;
- Are around children frequently;
- Provide essential community services;
- Have contact with people at high risk for complications from the flu;
- Are 65 years of age or older;
- Have long-term heart or lung problems or other high-risk medical conditions that lower your body's immune system (including diabetes, kidney disease, asthma, cancer, AIDS, etc.).

You cannot get flu from a flu shot.

For further information, pick up a flyer at Town Hall, call VNA at 301-853-7551 and ask for the flu program coordinator, or call your physician.

We could use several volunteers to assist with paperwork and crowd control. Please call the Town office if you can help for part or all of the time between 3:30 and 7.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VICINITY?

HECHTS SITE. New England Development Company is seeking approval of revised plans for the Hechts site in Friendship Heights, without changing the total density. Key changes are as follows:

- Reduce retail space to accommodate one department store instead of two.
- Expand office space by 50 percent to 450,000 square feet in two buildings.
- Eliminate the hotel.
- Double the number of highrise apartments to 250 or 275 units.
- Revise the layout for the community center so that it is on one floor instead of four.

NEW PARK. The park next to the Willoughby Apartments, part of the Chase Tower project, is scheduled to open next spring, which is earlier than expected. The park will have two levels, each with a lawn, paved walkways and abundant landscaping. Entrances will be on Friendship Boulevard and Willard Avenue.

NEW STORE. Sutton Place Gourmet will occupy space in the low-level retail building behind Highland House West. This building is also part of the Chase Tower project, the largest part of which is an office structure behind the Barlow Building.

CAPITAL CRESCENT TRAIL. Please use special care when driving on Dorset Avenue at the Capital Crescent Trail in Kenwood. Bikers, roller bladers and others on the trail are supposed to stop, but they often fail to do so.

At the behest of several citizens, including Virginia Mitz, the County is taking several steps to alert trail users. These include a second STOP sign on the trail in each direction, a STOP alert painted on the trail on either side of Dorset and crosshatching inside both crosswalks. Nevertheless, it would be wise to assume that trail users may not stop. Finally, remember that State law and common courtesy requires vehicles to yield to pedestrians already in crosswalks.

Snow Fooling

NO LAST MINUTE PLANNING AROUND HERE

By Philip Young

The Town Council has approved a contract with a snow removal company to clear and sand streets and to shovel sidewalks for residents who are willing to pay for the service and who sign up **in advance** for the season. However, at a previous Town Council meeting, it was suggested that children in Somerset might be interested in helping their neighbors with snow removal. I believe that children who would like to earn some extra pocket money might be willing to shovel snow for about half the price of the professional service.

If you would like to have your name included on a list of young people willing to shovel snow for neighbors, please forward your name, age, telephone number and address to Philip Young. The information can be sent to 5412 Uppingham Street or via e-mail: pyoung@imf.org. The list will be published in the October *Town Journal*. Therefore, the information should be sent to me no later than October 20.

Please remember that rates for snow shoveling by our youths will not be set by the Town, but will be negotiated between individual children and residents who employ them.

Remember, also, that the professional service only covers sidewalks. Therefore, rates for driveways would also need to be negotiated between the homeowner and the children. One

alternative would be to charge a rate for driveways that roughly corresponds to the rate (per square yard) of a standard sidewalk. Another alternative could be that children might be willing to shovel the sidewalk and driveway for the same price as the professional service would charge for the sidewalk only. Again, these are only suggestions, and the final decision on what constitutes a reasonable rate rests with the homeowners and young workers.

Main Goal Is Safe Sidewalks

I would encourage children to offer to shovel snow for their neighbors, even if they do not receive a phone call. I hope that publishing the contractor's rates for snow removal will encourage more children to get involved in snow shoveling.

Finally, I hope this new system is a big success and that all the children involved have fun helping their neighbors, earning some pocket money and enjoying the snow. Let's pitch in to this community project to have safe sidewalks and driveways during the wintertime!

Rates quoted by the contractor, Mulheron Tree Experts, for clearing sidewalks are as follows:

SNOW FALL OF 1-4" SNOW FALL OF 4.1-8" SNOW FALL OF OVER 8"

1-10 lots \$28 each 1-10 lots \$36 each 1-50 lots \$50 each

11-50 lots \$25 each 11-50 lots \$33 each 51-100 lots \$46 each

51-75 lots \$23 each 51-75 lots \$30 each over 100 lots \$43 each

76-100 lots \$20 each 76-100 lots \$28 each

over 100 lots \$19 each over 100 lots \$26 each

The procedure for signing up with Mulheron will be included in next month's *Town Journal* along with names of young residents who express an interest in shoveling for neighbors.

Correspondence from Citizens

CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING UNSAFE

In recent months, I have noticed an increased number of persons in Somerset driving while using their cellular phones. While to my knowledge, no accidents have occurred as a result, such behavior represents a significant safety hazard.

A number of countries have prohibited the use of cellular phones while driving. Localities in the U.S. are considering taking similar action. I think Somerset should take the lead and enact such legislation.

Since moving to Somerset two years ago, my wife and I have been pleased by how courteous drivers are in Town, especially when it comes to crossing the street with small children. While we recognize that most of

us live busy and at times hectic lives trying to balance family and work, the safety of the community should have higher priority.

Ethan Burger

Dorset Avenue

DOGS IN THE GRASS CAN BE CRASS

Hi neighbors! Just a friendly reminder to all of you owned by dogs... All dogs tend to scratch and mark (especially the boys), and so does mine, but please, try not to let your dog become overly enthusiastic and tear up a whole section of lawn or garden. For those of us who don't have a green thumb, replanting can be a chore.

Hmm....maybe my friend was right when he suggested concrete painted green as a substitute for having grass around dogs. It just doesn't have the same appeal as the real thing, though. Please make sure to mention doggie etiquette to anyone else who might be walking your dog. Thanks for listening.

S. Fine

Surrey Street

ATTENTION, PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

Hello, again, fellow Somerset psychotherapists. In the July *Town Journal*, I suggested that psychotherapists in Somerset might benefit by getting together on a regular or occasional basis to discuss issues of common interest and identify ways that we might be helpful to one another professionally. Several people responded to that suggestion.

If you have not already contacted me and would like to participate in such a meeting, which is being planned for the month of October, please call me at 301-907-8805 or send me an e-mail at jkreiser@earthlink.net, with your telephone number and e-mail address as well as with the times which you would prefer for such an activity.

I hope to hear from you.

Jeanette Kreiser, Ed.D.

Falstone Avenue

VIGIL WILL UNITE CANCER SURVIVORS

On October 6, tens of thousands of cancer survivors from all walks of life will continue to demand an end to cancer. The second annual Rays of Hope Candlelight Vigil will unite survivors and all whose lives have been touched by the disease in an event which will broaden awareness and hold decision-makers accountable to the millions who have been affected.

The National Coalition of Cancer Survivorship (NCCS) works on behalf of the 8,200,000 survivors with all types of cancer and the millions more who care for them. Founded in 1986, NCCS is the only patient-led organization whose mission is to ensure quality cancer care for all Americans. NCCS' goal is to empower survivors to take control of their care and lives. It seeks to educate them and those who care for them, unite communities and affect change in policies that impact survivors' quality of life.

A vigil on the steps of the Capitol will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6. Activities will include speakers and performances, educational information and displays, one of which will be the children's cancer awareness quilt.

For more information or to volunteer for the vigil, please call me at 301-215-4006 or 202-223-RAYS, or visit our website at www.nccs-raysofhope.net.

Steve Friedman

Essex Avenue

Obituary

ANNE CHODOFF DIES AT 81

Anne Chodoff, who lived on Dorset Avenue for 44 years, died at home of a metabolic disorder on September 5. She was 81.

An acclaimed actress, she performed at Arena Stage, Olney Theater Club and Washington Theater Club. She also directed plays for children at Adventure Theater and taught drama at Georgetown Day School and the Washington Theater Club.

Anne attended Temple University in her native Philadelphia and trained at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York. She also studied dance with Martha Graham.

Over a 15-year period, she recorded 118 books at the Library of Congress for the blind. In the 1950s, she volunteered with the pro-statehood campaign of the D.C. League of Women Voters.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Dr. Paul Chodoff; four children, Toby Newburger of St. Louis, Dr. Mark Chodoff of Rochester, N.Y., David Chodoff of Katonah, N.Y., and Sarah Harden of Woodstock, N.Y.; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Food, Music, Art

BETHESDA'S WHERE IT'S AT

Tempt your tastebuds at the 11th annual Taste of Bethesda on Saturday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Norfolk, Fairmont, St. Elmo, Del Ray and Cordell Avenues. Admission to the event is free.

Fifty of downtown Bethesda's multicultural restaurants will be selling samples of their specialties while big bands and smaller groups provide continuous live music from four stages. "Taste" tickets may be purchased in advance at the Bethesda Urban Partnership (Bethesda UP) office at 7906 Woodmont Avenue and on site at four ticket booths.

Bethesda UP is also sponsoring the fourth annual Bethesda Row Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15. A variety of artists on Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues and Elm Street will display their work while live jazz bands perform. Hours Saturday will be 11 to 6; Sunday 10 to 5.

Young and mature volunteers, who will be rewarded with a T-shirt, are needed at both events for two-to-three-hour shifts. Call Sani Sadaghiani at 301-215-6660 for details, or e-mail her at sanis@bethesda.org.

County Matters

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY STARTS WITH BREAKFAST

Clean a park, paint a shelter, plant a garden or collect supplies for the needy on Montgomery County Community Service Day, Saturday, October 28 (rain or shine).

Start the day at 8:30 with a complimentary breakfast and entertainment at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, in Rockville. Blood donation and bone marrow testing will be available on site, as well as kids' craft projects benefiting the Children's Inn at NIH.

For further information, call 240-777-2600, or visit website montgomeryvolunteer.org.

PUBLIC INVITED TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Two days before Community Service Day is Diversity Day in Montgomery County. It will be observed on Thursday, October 26, in the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street in Rockville. The purpose of the special day is to celebrate the differences represented by County employees, employers, schools, organizations and the community.

The morning session, from 9:30 to 11 in the lobby level auditorium, will feature a speech by Donna Ashley Nelms, Director of Corporate Diversity at Hallmark Cards. From 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria those present may enjoy ethnic and international foods and visit arts and crafts booths.

Although there is no fee involved, registration by October 6 is necessary. Call 240-777-2705 for an application or further information.

M-NCPPC OFFERS FREE FIREWOOD AND MULCH

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is offering free unseasoned firewood and mulch on Saturdays only, through December 23, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Bonifant Road Landfill, 1201 Bonifant Road in the Aspen Hill area of Silver Spring. The site is next to the National Capital Trolley Museum. Loading and hauling are the responsibility of the recipient.

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