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Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

MEET WITH EXPERT ON SPEED HUMPS

If you are interested in speed humps – pro or con – you are welcome to consult with the traffic engineer retained by the Town to study the need for, and location of, humps on the dead-end block of Essex Avenue and the 5500 block of Uppingham Street.

Joe Cutro, our traffic consultant, will be in front of 4812 Essex at 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, and at 5511 Uppingham at 7 p.m. the same evening. He will welcome comments of residents and consider them in formulating his recommendations to the Town Council.

Whether or not to install one or more humps on Essex is scheduled for action by the Town Council on Monday, August 13, at 8:35 p.m. Action on the same subject for Uppingham is set for 8:50 p.m. the same evening. Prior to voting, Cutro will present his recommendations and those present will – as always – have an opportunity to present their views.

BURGLARS HIT 4 MORE SOMERSET HOUSES

I regret to report that Somerset has experienced a series of burglaries and attempted break-ins recently.

Last month's *Town Journal* mentioned two unsuccessful efforts in the 4900 block of Cumberland Avenue. Since those incidents, there have been four more: another failed effort to enter a house in the 4800 block of Dorset Avenue, two actual break-ins in the 4900 block of Cumberland and a third in the 4900 block of Dorset.

Most of the crimes have been committed at night, entering or trying to enter homes through rear and side doors.

Despite enhanced police presence in Town for several days, no suspects have been arrested. Two juveniles were apprehended near the corner of Dorset and Wisconsin, but released.

NOTICE

NOTICE: Next Town Council meeting is Monday, August 13. (No quorum was available on August 6.) Because the first Monday in September is Labor Day, the September meeting will be Tuesday, September 4.

Checklist for Securing Your House

Here are some precautions to consider:

Keep your eyes open for strangers in the neighborhood and report suspicious ones by calling 911. You do not have to give your name.

Install motion-activated exterior lights or turn on your regular outdoor lights.

Check the locks on your doors. If they aren't deadbolts, they offer very little protection. Sliding doors should be secured with charlie bars unless they are modern doors with built-in high quality locks.

Invest in an alarm system. If you already have one, be sure to turn it on.

Make your house look occupied when you are away. Put several lights on timers. Leave the radio or television on. Do not close all curtains. Ask a neighbor to pick up newspapers and flyers. Arrange to have the grass cut.

If you have questions about securing your house, call Community Services Police Officer Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119.

EFFORT TO BURY WIRES NOT BURIED

My sincere thanks to Alan Proctor for writing a detailed proposal on under-grounding wires and cables, which was authorized by the Town Council in June. Our hope is that the proposal will be included in the brief list of subjects that the Maryland Municipal League urges the General Assembly to implement at its session beginning next January.

The gist of the proposal is that the State legislature pass a resolution directing the Public Service Commission to study possible ways to facilitate burying overhead power and communication lines in established neighborhoods and issue a report within a year. State policy has required developers to bury all utilities in new developments for more than 30 years.

Our request has been endorsed by 24 Maryland municipalities including Rockville, Gaithersburg, Takoma Park, Ocean City and the Governor's hometown, University Park.

Assisting Alan were Anne Proctor, Howard Byron, Jeffrey Slavin and your Mayor.

MAKING WAVES

SWIM TEAM WINS DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

By Sarah Morse, Swim Team Representative

For the first time since 1982, the Somerset swim team became champion of its division by finishing second in the divisional meet on July 21.

Going into the meet, Somerset was leading the division by 4 points. A first or second place score was needed for the title. As in the first meet of the season, it all came down to the last relay, the girls 14 and under 150 M graduated freestyle. Since we were tied with Old Farm for first place, this relay would determine the outcome of the meet. Although Somerset had won this relay in every meet, our fastest swimmer from the 8 and unders, Elizabeth Kingdom, was missing from the team.

It didn't look good. Somerset was in fourth place after the third leg. However, comeback kid Sarah Sullivan was able to close the gap for a second finish right behind Old Farm. Old Farm won the meet by just three points and shares the division's first-place position.

The dual meet season was just as exciting. After beating Forest Knolls by 4 points in the first meet, the team went on to outscore Connecticut Blair, Tanglewood and Old Farm. Our only loss was to Chevy Chase Rec Association by 16 points. We placed second in the relay carnival, missing first place by only 4 points. Four relay teams won first place – the girls 14 and under graduated free, the girls 14 and under 100 M medley, the boys 8 and under 100 M medley and the boys 11-12 200 M medley.

Three new team records were set this year. Adam Bookman retired Paul Werner's 1993 record in boys 15-18 100 M breaststroke with a time of 1:19.53. Matt Bookman retired Michael Young's 1996 record in boys 8 and under fly with a time of 21.94. And Leah Loversky beat Julie Hecht's 1997 record for girls 9-10 25 M fly with a time of 18:64.

Steller, Bookman, Mondale All-Star Qualifiers

We also had all-star qualifiers in 6 events. Katie Steller qualified in girls 15-18 100 M free, back and individual medley. Matt Bookman swam all-star time in boys 8 and under 25 M free, breast and fly. Freddy Mondale also proved to be an all-star swimmer with a qualifying time in boys 8 and under breast. Freddy was invited to the Coaches Invitational Long Course meet.

There were four other meets this year. The team swam midweek meets with Eastgate, Rock Creek and Kings Farm. These meets, while not counted in the division standing, gave every swimmer a chance to compete in any stroke he/she liked. Head Coach Ben Graham and Assistant Coaches Tara Zimmerman, Tristan Kessler, Rachel Benjamin and Matt Zimmerman did a terrific job of keeping all these meets straight and the swimmers well prepared.

There was also a special home meet just for the mini team. The swim team acted as timers and officials, while the minis competed in free style, back and kick board. Everyone has a lot of fun watching these new swimmers race. For some children, it was the first time they made it across the pool, a real achievement. Many thanks go to minis Coach Tara Zimmerman and Assistant Coaches Adam Bookman, Michael Young, Brooks Lape, Bess Pickar and Maurie Kathan for

making the developmental team possible. Thank you also to Andrew Resnick and Jill Caporale for organizing the team and this meet.

The Montgomery County Swim League has two more meets before the close of the season, the All-Star Relays and Individual All-Stars. We will have 5 relay teams at the All-Star event and several swimmers for the Individual meet.

Banquet Celebrates a Great Season

The division championship was celebrated by over 180 people attending the team banquet on July 21. This much anticipated event featured trophies, trophies and more trophies and a fabulous slide show. Every swimmer on the team received a small participation trophy. The coaches also recognized each swimmer with a personalized certificate of achievement.

To name just a few, Abby Kathan got the “professional swimmer” award for confidence in her strokes and turns. Matt Doniger got the “magician's” award for improving his time by making his seconds disappear. Nick Kessler got the “Nike” award for his choice of clothing.

The coaches also give six more serious awards for achievement. Freddy Mondale and Lena McLaughlin received coaches awards for the most improved swimmers. Merrill Fortier and Miles Batson were given awards for spirit. Bess Pickar and Jack Berry received awards to recognize their hard work and contribution to the team.

Kathan, Sullivan Score Most Points

Swimmers were also awarded trophies based on how many points they scored for the team in the Saturday meets. A first place is 6 points, second 4, third 3, fourth 2 and fifth 1. Toby Kathan with 118.50 points and Sarah Sullivan with 126 scored the most points. Michael Young, Adam Bookman and Leah Loversky also scored over 100 points.

There were six 75 point winners – Katie Steller, Clare Hanlon, Elizabeth Kingdom, Nick Kessler, Tristan Kessler and Matthew Bookman.

Fifty point winners were Anna Kingdom, Bess Pickar, Sophie Mondale, Jack Berry, Mark Berry, Freddy Mondale and Kevin Young.

Twenty-five point winners were Isaac Sorenson, Brooks Lape, Joey Kathan, Jacob Heller, Ben Wisniewski, Tom Belikove, Merrill Fortier, Marie Dewees, Esther Sorenson, Maurie Kathan and Anna Wisniewski.

Banquet coordinator Melanie Krynitsky should also have received a special trophy. This year's banquet was the largest and best ever, thanks to her efforts. Phillip Young and David Kathan also contributed to the success of the evening with their slide show of all the meets. Thanks to David for his computer expertise and Phillip for the pictures from his new digital camera.

Parents Volunteers Deserve First-Place Awards

Many thanks are due to parents who work very hard to make sure that Somerset has such a fabulous team. Every meet is run by certified officials. Stroke and turn judges David Kathan, Joanne Steller, Pamela Cox, Bob Bookman, Frank Loversky and Jim Berry returned for another season. Betsy Hanlon took the training this year to join them. David Batson trained to be a certified starter, joining Joanne Steller and David Kathan. Pamela Cox and Bob Bookman also returned as referees.

John Sullivan continues to be the best head timer in the league. Joan Rabinor was responsible for all those ribbons and making sure that everyone had directions to the meets. Announcer David Batson continued to add spirit to the home meets with his wonderful music. Melanie Krynitsky acted as the banquet chair and did a fabulous job. Sandy Levick coordinated the many timers needed for each meet. Donna McDougal coordinated the concessions. Alison Fortier acted as clerk of course at every meet, making sure that swimmers got to their races. Jerry McDougal and Jim Berry did a yeoman's job of keeping on top of all the team data. And Jeff Lape and Jill Caporale supplied water and lemonade at every meet. Countless other parents volunteered to time, run social events and do errands. If points were given to parents for their part in the meets, Somerset would always win first place.

Finally, you can relive the whole season on the team's Web site,

[members.aol.com\somersetswim\team](http://members.aol.com/somersetswim/team). All the results, record and all-star times are there as well as countless pictures. Jim Berry is the Web master and Phillip Young took all the pictures.

IDYLLIC TIMES AT THE POOL

>By Norm Schneider, Chairman, Swimming Pool Committee

As we move into the quieter month of August at the pool, I hope that all the people who have not yet visited the facility will come down and experience one of the nicest places in Town.

In addition to swimming, you can still enjoy some of the other fun events planned for this year. There are movie nights throughout September, there are end-of-summer pot lucks and barbeque nights, and there is the new resident party. Also, raft nights continue at 6:15 on Thursday and Saturday nights.

There will be a "Welcome Back Pot Luck" on the evening of September 8. The Pool Committee will be providing hot dogs, drinks and paper goods, but you should bring your own food and something to share. So come on down and see your friends and cool off.

Lap Lane Always Available

As we have written before, a lap swimming lane is always available (except when the pool is closed to the public), even if it looks like rafters are using it. Just ask the guard to open the lane for you. Please note that lap lanes can be – and should be – shared.

If you encounter any problems at the pool or wish to make suggestions, please feel free to call me at (301) 652-5509 (home 6 – 9 pm) or (202) 347-5141 (office 9 am – 5 pm) or e-mail to me at

nschneider@kamerowlaw.com. Many of you have taken the time to speak and write to me, and I thank you for pointing out your concerns and making suggestions. Sometimes action can be taken immediately... and sometimes things can take a while to sort through.

The calendar of pool activities that was included in the May *Town Journal* is posted at the pool. Occasionally, events are rescheduled because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances, so please remember to check this calendar to avoid surprise changes.

Next Pool Committee Meeting August 20

You are welcome to join the Pool Committee meetings, which take place regularly throughout the summer at the pool. Please check the message board at the pool for dates and times. The next meeting will be Monday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Please remember that if you have a child who still is in diapers, rubber pants need to be worn outside the diaper. The new “swim diapers” are not enough as they don't prevent seepage from the diaper into the pool. They simply don't inflate as much in the pool as normal diapers. If you forget to bring rubber pants, there may be a few pairs available at the front desk. It's important to be careful with your child because if there is a leak from a diaper, the pool would have to be closed to all swimmers for up to 24 hours.

Congratulations are due to Sarah Morse, the coaches and all the parents and children who worked so hard to make this year's swim team a winner!

Congratulations also to Donna McDougal and Penny Helfgott, who once again planned and coordinated the hugely successful adult party. It was a highlight of the summer.

Preventing West Nile Virus

Although the West Nile virus can infect human beings, there have been no human cases in Maryland this year. In order to remain free of the disease, common sense dictates elimination of mosquito-breeding stagnant water. Also keep away from marshlands, use mosquito repellent and wear protective clothing when walking in areas that may be infested by mosquitoes.

The disease may be carried by crows, blue jays, owls and other predatory birds. Dead ones should be reported for testing to 1-866-866-2769 option 3.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

OFFICE SCHEDULE IN AUGUST

Tom will be away on vacation from August 27-31. Administrative Assistant Corrie Morsey will be in the office on August 27, 28 and 30.

TOWN TREES AND GROUNDS

Don't forget to help us by watering the Town trees in your yards when no rain has fallen in several days. Water slowly so that the deep roots benefit.

REMINDERS TO DOG OWNERS

The Town Code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever the dog is not on your property and that you pick up feces. Please keep our parks and your neighbors' yards clean from dog messes. Fines of up to \$100 can be imposed! Do **not** dispose of your dog's droppings in the Town trash receptacles. It, too, is a violation of County Code. The proper place is a toilet.

PERMITS GRANTED

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

Trees:

M. Hamilton Morton, Jr., 4813 Falstone Avenue, to remove a lightning damaged tulip poplar from his back yard.

Donald Palmer, 5404 Greystone Street, to remove a dying maple from his back yard.

Michael and Lise Ringland, 4721 Essex Avenue, to remove a dying Norway maple from their front yard.

Fences:

Marc and Mary Geffroy, 4808 Essex Avenue, to erect a chain-link fence around their back yard.

James and Irene Schrum, 5528 Warwick Place, to complete the enclosure of their back yard by adding two sections of cedar fence.

Sharon Seltzer, 5521 Trent Street, to erect a wood fence along her back and side lot lines.

Kevin Mills and Frances Peale, 5521 Uppingham Street, to extend their fence to enclose their back yard.

Ted and Samira Woodings, 4923 Dorset Avenue, to erect a wooden fence enclosing their back yard.

Council Activity

At the July 2 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved the following fund transfers:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$10,000	CPF Contingency	GF Pool
\$1,000	CPF Contingency	GF Tree Contract

2. Did not have to act on an extension of the building permit to Luz Froehlich, 5531 Warwick Place, to move her gazebo from Town parkland to her back yard because it was moved prior to the meeting.

3. Approved the building permit application of Paige Whitley and David Dollar, 4922 Cumberland Avenue, to extend their house to the rear.

4. Accepted the landscaping plan and reforestation schedule from Rodd and Jodi Macklin, 4817 Dorset Avenue.

5. Tabled the recommendation to the Historic Preservation Commission on the application of Barton and Shereen Rubenstein, 4819 Dorset Avenue, to remodel their garage and add a studio and fence in their back yard pending clarification on home occupation provisions and a special meeting of the Town Council.

6. Decided to obtain a recommendation from traffic engineer Joe Cutro as to locations and size for speed humps on Essex Avenue and Uppingham Street prior to Council decision on this matter.

7. Confirmed the Mayor's appointments to the Long-Range Planning Committee as listed in the June *Town Journal*.

8. Authorized payment of (1) annual dues of \$2,855.99 to Maryland Municipal League for FY-02 and (2) annual premium of \$3,670.00 to Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program.

9. Approved the proposal by Signs & Things to paint house numbers on curbs at \$7.85 per house. **Residents may opt out of this by calling the Town Hall by September 5.**

10. Turned down a request by Middletown (Maryland) High School for a contribution to the school band, which will be representing the State at a ceremony in Hawaii commemorating the

60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, because the expenditure would not directly benefit residents (as required by our Charter).

11. Approved the use of IOUs at the swimming pool for guest passes from members who do not have checks.

12. Requested the staff to solicit bids to replace the deteriorating fence on the eastern (upper) edge of the pool property with black mesh fence similar to that in the picnic area, as requested by the Swimming Pool Committee, at a cost of up to \$2,500.

13. Took no action on the Swimming Pool Committee's request to remove the concrete pad from the parking lot and clear the space covered by the pad and mulch pile and convert area to parking space.

14. Agreed on the following special responsibilities of Councilmembers from July 2001 through May 2002:

- Long-Range Planning Committee – Tom Eldridge
- Swimming Pool Committee – Richard Kessler, primary; Tom Eldridge, alternate
- Parks and Natural Resources Committee – Judy Frankel, primary; Peter Gubser, alternate
- Special Events – Anne Proctor, primary; Judy Frankel, alternate
- Technology – Anne Proctor, primary; Richard Kessler, alternate
- Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights – Peter Gubser, primary; Judy Frankel, alternate

15. Accepted Gayley Knight's proposal to maintain the Town web site at a cost of up to \$6,000 per year.

16. Briefly discussed a suggestion to hire a part-time building inspector, but took no action.

Long-Range Planning Gets Underway

The Long-Range Planning Committee will be scheduling four public meetings throughout the autumn and winter. The mandate of this committee is to review the budget process, governance of the Town including personnel and communications, Town facilities, and development both inside and outside the Town.

The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. Monday, August 20, at 5527 Surrey Street. Town residents who are interested in the goings-on are invited to attend any meetings. Meeting dates, when finalized, will be posted in the *Town Journal*, on the Town Hall bulletin board and on the Town Web site.

If you would like, you may also be included on the LRPC e-mail list. This will keep you abreast of the progress of each subcommittee, the executive committee and the public meetings.

For more information or to attend a meeting, telephone either Nat, Gayley or the Town Hall.

Summer Socializing

WELCOME PARTY – SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for a wonderful afternoon at the Somerset pool on Sunday, September 9, from 4-6 p.m. for the annual welcoming party for new residents. Come early for a swim and then relax with a glass of wine or soda and some hor d'oevres and other light refreshments provided by the Town. Children can enjoy the pool while adults greet newcomers and catch up with old friends.

Please call Bonnie Lewin (301 907-4772), Ellen Butts (301 652-2454), Linda Kanefield (301 652-5509) or Jeffrey Slavin (301 654-6767) if you can help with arrangements.

TOWN'S FOURTH OF JULY DRAWS BIG CROWD

By Councilmember Anne Proctor

Thanks to all who pitched in to make the day such a great gathering of such great neighbors. The dynamic team of Joan Rabinor and Bob Bookman put all the advance planning in motion. Bob's last minute appendectomy forced him to lie low on the 4th, but Frank Loversky happily volunteered to step in at the last minute. The mummy wrap, egg toss and brand new whipped cream eating contest made for messy fun for all participants and onlookers. Hilda Siebel on violin and her guitar accompanist gave us Yankee Doodle Dandee and other favorites, and kept our chorus of "Happy Birthday" on key as the Town's 95th birthday cake was cut.

Another popular tradition was found in the Town Hall, where Stephanie Lynn served her famous patriotic punch. The Mayor honored multi-generational Town residents with Town mugs, and graduating Somerset Elementary 5th graders with our new Town t-shirts. He also gave special recognition to Etsu Masoaka, whose late husband, Mike, was honored by dedication of a magnificent cryptomeria japonica tree in his memory. The Army color guard, fire trucks (thanks, Nat Finkelstein!), and classic cars (thanks, Howard Byron!) all added an old-fashioned authenticity that reminds us of the history, traditions and bedrock values that we celebrate on the Fourth of July.

The parade-to-the-pool snaked its festive way through the streets. Pool staff welcomed the younger set with the annual coin toss and a variety of wacky games. Ice cream was even on sale

for a penny! Meanwhile, back at the Town Hall, Alan Proctor and Bruce Swartz were helping our dedicated Town employees, Enrique and Felix, take down the new tent.

All of us, from the volunteers to the cheerful picnickers, contributed to making this the Town event that draws the biggest crowd of the year. Thanks to all!

FIESTA EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

By Penny Helfgott and Donna McDougal

A record was set the evening of July 14 when 127 residents and guests attended the eighth annual adult party at the pool.

Guests savored a smorgasbord of appetizers inspired by the Mexican theme, while listening to the guitar music provided by a live mariachi duo. The main course was catered by Rio Grande, whose sizzling fajitas, right off the grill, were too enticing to resist.

The new tent presented ample opportunity for decorating with sombreros and fanciful piñatas. Always popular, the tiki bar, festooned with chili pepper lights and maracas, offered a selection of sangria, Corona and frozen lime or strawberry margaritas.

Many thanks to all who attended and all who helped make the evening a success. Our special thanks go to Alan Proctor, Bridget Cowie, Florence Gang, Sarah Morse, Dave Kathan, Debbie Heller, Colleen Merkl, Kathleen and Bill Franklin, and also Chuck Montrie, Karen Kay and the pool staff.

After four years of chairing this event, we are handing the reins over to Ann Brown, who has volunteered to make sure this fun Somerset tradition continues!

Ann would like to hear from anyone interested in helping with next year's event, as well as suggestions and ideas.

Be in The Know Through Town E-Mail

Keeping up with the latest happenings in Town has never been easier for the 100+ households who have opted in to the Town's latest communication vehicle: e-mail broadcasts.

In the past month, residents have been alerted to a series of attempted and actual break-ins on Cumberland and Dorset; have participated in tennis round-robins; and have been advised of a special Town meeting. Prior to the setup of this electronic neighborhood watch and Town crier, news was sporadically delivered between *Town Journal* issues – if it arrived at all.

E-mail is a happening thing! Join in by sending a request to clerk@townofsomerset.com or call Tom at 301-657-3211. It's that easy!

Residents Launch Television Show

WEBurbs, a community service cable TV program aimed at helping people get the most out of their online experience, aired July 5 on Montgomery Municipal Channel 16/45/30. The show is produced and hosted by Gail Werner and Gayley Knight, Somerset residents and Web site consultants. Area residents who have been interviewed are Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Amy Bowles Reyer, Steve Schwat and Fred Werner.

Airing on Thursdays at 8 p.m., the weekly WEBurbs format includes a business tip for making your Web site work for you and a siteseeing segment highlighting the unusual, fun and innovative in business Web sites.

The schedule for August is:

August 2 Steve Schwat – How community groups are using the Web for local issues. A discussion of **green-mile.net**, a Web site to keep County residents aware of the issues affecting the Wisconsin Avenue residential strip between Somerset and Bradley Boulevard.

August 9 Fred Werner – Armchair activist discusses how to donate to a cause of your choice – like the Green Mile – using the Web and e-mail.

August 16 Larry Chase – A successful marketer and author of the best-selling book, “Essential Business Tactics for the Net”, on tips for surviving the dot.com fallout and marketing your company online. His company was one of the first marketing firms to develop a successful e-letter to get marketing messages to a vast audience.

August 23 Phyllis Wiesenfeld discuss how the Web is changing the real estate market for buyers and sellers.

August 30 Beth Cole and Patricia Berens, Women's Business Center, a nonprofit, member organization that is a virtual and brick-and-mortar support center for women entrepreneurs.

Future Guests Include Mystery Writer, Scientist

Future scheduled guests include a published mystery writer who turned a Web site for writers into a successful e-publishing enterprise; a Ph.D. scientist from NIH who talks about the NIH Web site and how the average person can use it to access health and other information; a Bethesda travel agent who began GrandTravel, a series of tours for grandparents and their grandchildren; a computer security technician discussing personal computer safety – what it is, what is needed, and when/why you should have it; and Matthew Pittinsky, Chairman of

Blackboard, a distance learning company started by area residents, that in three short years has achieved international recognition, discussing the pleasures and perils of online learning.

WEBurbs also features a siteseeing segment where Web sites of note, interest and fun are explored. Siteseeing looks at how a business can use some of the creative elements of these sites to their own advantage. Tips and “how-tos” are other regular features.

If you have a Web site, personal or business, that you are doing unique things with and would like to be featured on WEBurbs or have an idea for the show, contact Gayley or Gail at weburbs@conlinks.com

Somerset and B-CC Bring Home Gold

The B-CC crew team brought home gold from the Stokesberry Regatta in Philadelphia this spring. The first varsity IV boat manned by Somerset residents Jackson Maier and Mike Finkelstein, together with Joe Gwynn, and Nick and Morgan Henderson, won the King's Cup and the gold medal. The Stokesberry is considered by many to be the most prestigious high school rowing regatta in the United States. The victory by B-CC was the first at Stokesberry by a local crew since 1970.

Coxswain Jackson Maier and Mike Finkelstein, stroke, participated with former Somerset Elementary School students Joe Gwynn and Nick and Morgan Henderson.

Obituaries

50-YEAR RESIDENT MARGARET MURRAY DIES

Margaret M. Murray, the last original resident of the lower portion of Warwick Place, died on July 20 at the age of 84. She was a resident of Somerset for 50 years.

Margaret and James Murray purchased their home at 5524 Warwick Place in 1951. Jim was an attorney and consultant to the chemical industry. The Murrays were members of Manor Country Club and were avid golfers.

After Jim died suddenly in 1962, Margaret raised their two daughters, Priscilla and Kathleen, who survive their mother. Both daughters graduated from Somerset School and B-CC High School.

Margaret worked for many years in the offices first by Dr. Richard Spire and then of Dr. Henry Roth before retiring in the 1980's. In her retirement, Margaret traveled often within the U.S. and abroad.

She resided at her home until last March, when she moved to Collingswood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rockville.

JULIUS SANKIN DIES AT 83

Julius Sankin, who lived on Uppingham Street from the mid-1950s until 1978, died on June 30 in Delray Beach, Florida, after a stroke and heart attack. He was 83.

While in this area, he built homes, including his own, commercial developments and large apartment buildings on Connecticut Avenue. He was Building Committee chairman of Temple Sinai on Military Road and served as temple president.

Julie was born in Brooklyn, attended the University of Arkansas and graduated from the St. John's University Law School.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jeanne, of Delray Beach; a son, Andrew, of Bethesda; a daughter, Marilyn Tushman of Scarsdale, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

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Deadlines: Ads, August 15; Copy August 20

Agenda

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2001 – 7:30 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes of the July 2 regular meeting and the July 16 special and closed meetings – 7:30.

2. Action on the following transfers for FY-01 – 7:35.

Amount From To

\$29,000& CPF Streets CPF Pool

5,100 CPF Contingency GF Pool

3. Action on renewal of Town membership in Montgomery Municipal Cable Television by contributing entire payment from County, which is based on number of Somerset cable subscribers – 7:40.

4. Confirmation of Mayor's appointments to Swimming Pool Committee for three-year terms – 7:45.

5. Action on building permit application by Chester Finn and Renu Virmani, 5404 Surrey Street, to add a covered stoop, separate covered entry and bow window to the front of their house – 7:50.

6. Recommendation to Historic Preservation Commission and action on building permit application by James and Dabney Goold, 5812 Surrey Street, to add three windows, a door and a stoop – 7:55.

7. Mayor's report – 8:00.

8. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset – 8:15.

9. Suggestions and questions from residents – 8:25.

10. Action on installation of speed hump or humps n Essex Avenue based on recommendation of traffic engineer – 8:35.

11. Action on installation of speed hump or humps on Uppingham Street based on recommendation of traffic engineer – 8:50.
12. Action on recommendation to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals on Chevy Chase Club's application for a special exception to build a large addition to its maintenance building and a small shelter with first-aid equipment and restrooms – 9:05.
13. Action on Swimming Pool Committee recommendation to replace deteriorating fence on eastern (upper) edge of pool property with black mesh fence similar to that in picnic area – 9:10.
14. Action on request by Long-Range Planning Committee to fund up to \$5,000 for a consultant to assist in facilitating focus groups and prioritizing recommendations – 9:15.
15. Authorization to close Wisconsin Avenue entrances on Sunday, September 24, from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m., for the 8-kilometer road race sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA – 9:25.
16. Action on change to Personnel Policies Manual to clarify and limit use of annual and sick leave in advance of days accrued – 9:30.
17. Discussion on live videotaping of Town Council meetings to air on Channel 30 – 9:45.
18. Report by Mayor of emergency authorization of \$1,617 for new external sensors for pool alarm system and \$381.07 for freight for lane lines for pool – 9:55.
19. Action on support of Ruth Baker Battist for seat on County Board of Appeals, as recommended by Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights – 10:00.
20. New business – 10:05.