

### **Mayor's Den**

By Walter J. Behr

#### **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR FLU SHOTS**

Friday, October 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. is when the MedStar Visiting Nurse Association will be administering flu and pneumonia shots at the Town Hall. If you want to be included, call or e-mail the Town office so that the required personnel and supplies will be on hand.

Flu shots will cost \$20; pneumonia, \$25. Be sure to bring a check with you. Net proceeds will support the charitable care programs of the Visiting Nurse Association. Medicare Part B beneficiaries not enrolled in an HMO will not have to pay for either vaccine, provided they bring their Medicare cards with them.

The following facts answer some of the most common questions about flu vaccines:

- All the viruses in the vaccine are killed so they cannot infect anyone.
- The vaccine will begin to provide protective effects after one to two weeks, but will not protect all persons inoculated from the flu. About 70 to 90% of healthy people who get the flu vaccine are completely protected against the flu. The other 10 to 30% have greatly lessened symptoms of the flu if they contract it.
- Side effects of the vaccine are generally inconsequential in adults and occur at low frequency.
- The most frequent side effect of vaccination is soreness around the vaccination site for one or two days. This occurs in less than a third of those vaccinated. A cool compress applied at 15-minute intervals should relieve soreness.
- There is a new strain of influenza every year.

#### **Flu Shots Recommended for Most Adults**

Who should get the flu shots? Categories recommended are: people who are 65 or older, those with chronic health conditions, health care workers, individuals living with seniors and those with chronic health maladies, and anyone 18 or older who wants to prevent the flu.

While flu shots must be administered every year to be effective, pneumonia vaccine is typically administered only once for most groups. However, your physician may recommend revaccination every 10 years or at other intervals.

For more information, you may call the Center for Disease Control (CDC) toll-free 1-800-232-2522 anytime between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

### **TOWN WILL CLEAR SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS**

All Somerset sidewalks will be cleared of snow and, if necessary, sanded this winter by a contractor as a result of action by the Town Council at its October 1 meeting.

Residents will, of course, still be responsible for shoveling their own walkways and driveways. If they want assistance, they are encouraged to call upon Somerset young people listed in every *Town Journal* under the heading "Odd Job Helpers." Employees of the contractor will not be permitted to do private work in Town unless they have completed their work on the public sidewalks.

The contractor, Mulheron Tree Experts, is the same company that plows and sands our streets. They will start working on sidewalks after an accumulation of two inches of snow or sooner if instructed to do so by the Clerk-Treasurer or Mayor.

As far as we know, Somerset is the only municipality in the County to provide this service. This winter, a County ordinance for the first time requires residents outside of incorporated cities, towns and villages to shovel snow from sidewalks abutting their property.

### **BURGLAR GRABS CASH, CAR KEYS**

Taking advantage of a 15-minute window of opportunity when no one was home midday on October 1, a burglar cut through a screen door and forced the main door on the side of a house in the 4700 block of Dorset Avenue. Cash and car keys were stolen.

The following day, again between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m., a Mazda van was stolen from the same address. It has been found, and returned, but with \$15,000-worth of damage.

Once again, residents are asked by the Montgomery County police to be their eyes and ears. Call 911 to report suspicious individuals, vehicles or situations. It is not necessary to give your name.

If you are not sure that your house is secure, I suggest that you schedule a free survey by an officer from the Bethesda Police District. Call Community Service Officer Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119 to arrange for an inspection and recommendations on how to reduce your risk of being targeted.

### **RESCUE SQUAD HAS PLANS TO ASSIST SOMERSET**

To reduce response time in case of medical emergencies in Friendship Heights and Somerset, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad plans to open a satellite station in Friendship Heights within the next three months. The expectation is that emergency medical technicians will get to

patients in less time than if they were coming from Rescue Squad headquarters on Battery Lane or from Bradley and Wisconsin, where the Bethesda Fire Department is located.

Rescue Squad Assistant Chief Peter Morris will explain the plan to Somerset residents at our November 5 Town Council meeting beginning at 8:45 p.m.

He will also describe a life-saving initiative that Somerset could develop that involves placing automatic external defibrillators in public places like our Town swimming pool and Town Hall. The plan envisions that trained Somerset residents and/or employees would operate the defibrillators before the Rescue Squad or Fire Department arrived.

After the presentation, residents will have time to ask questions, make suggestion and voice their concerns.

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### **LET'S KEEP HALLOWEEN INCIDENT FREE**

Halloween is a fun and exciting time for children. Let's be sure it is a safe time by observing a few common-sense precautions.

Make certain that children can see well and breathe properly while wearing masks and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping. Reflector tape on costumes will enhance the visibility of trick or treaters.

Only wrapped or packaged candy should be given or accepted. Instruct children not to eat any treats before an adult has had an opportunity to inspect them.

Here's hoping it will be a safe and memorable Halloween for young and old.

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### **DICK LASNER, DAVI WALDERS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to two Somerset artists who are making headlines, photographer Richard Lasner and poet Davi Walders, both of Essex Avenue.

Twenty of Dick Lasner's limited edition iris prints of photographs taken in Italy between 1997 and 2001 will be on exhibit at Creative Partners Gallery in Bethesda from November 6 through December 1. Prints were made by spraying British watercolor dyes onto heavily textured paper.

The opening reception for "Desiring Italy" will be held Friday, November 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. Located at 4600 East-West Highway, the gallery entrance is on Waverly Street next to a public parking garage. For a preview, check Dick's Web site: [lasnerphoto.com](http://lasnerphoto.com).

Davi Walders and the book she edited were the subject of last week's Washington Post Montgomery Extra cover story. Entitled "The Vital Signs Poetry Project of the Children's Inn at NIH," the book is given to each family at the inn, where guests are mothers and fathers of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Davi not only edited the book, but runs twice-monthly sessions at which she reads "in a voice soft as down" and encourages parents to write verse. "I know we're not healing anyone," Davi said, "but if you can create order and beauty amid chaos, what a beautiful gift."

### **Somerset Serves!**

By Councilmember Anne Proctor

On Sunday, October 28, the Town Hall will be full of service opportunities in an effort to show our Town-wide response to the County's annual Community Service Day "call to action." Come by anytime from noon to 4 p.m. and join the bag lunch assembly line for the Gude Drive Men's Shelter. The Town will provide all ingredients and materials. Our goal is to make 100 lunches, the maximum number the shelter can use over the course of a few days. Other donations of less-perishable food items, such as boxed cereal, dried soups and frozen casseroles, are welcome. We will deliver the Somerset contributions to the shelter on Sunday afternoon.

The Town also plans to send a "Chain of Cranes" to the Pentagon and New York firefighters who responded to the September 11th terrorist attacks. Come by and learn how to fold paper cranes. Messages of thanks and support can be written inside each crane before the folding starts. At the end of the day, we will link the cranes together and send them off in a gesture of goodwill from the Town of Somerset.

Volunteers to help set up the project may contact me at 301-652-4717 or **[anneproctor627@erols.com](mailto:anneproctor627@erols.com)**.

### **Pool Committee Wants Your Input**

By Norm Schneider, Chairman, Swimming Pool Committee

We will hold the annual gathering of Pool Committee members and Town residents on Wednesday, November 14 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at my house (5509 Greystone) to recap this year's swim season and talk about next year. This is the chance for all residents to meet and discuss both the problems that they encountered at the pool last summer and offer suggestions for changes in the way the pool operates in the future.

Please come and discuss your ideas and concerns with members of the Pool Committee. If you can't make the meeting, but wish to give some input, feel free to call me at (301) 652-5509 (home 6 - 9 p.m.) or (202) 347-5141 (office 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or e-mail me at **[nschneider@kamerowlaw.com](mailto:nschneider@kamerowlaw.com)**.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments throughout the year and please remember that even if you don't come to the meeting or contact me this month, I am always ready to hear your observations, criticisms and suggestions. We are always working toward improving the pool and your experiences there.

### **Town Hall Tidbits**

By Tom Carter

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tom will remain out of the office for an indefinite period, recuperating from knee surgery. During his absence, Corrie Morsey and Barbara Marblestone will be in the office, but not on a full-time basis. Please call the Town Hall before coming to ensure someone will be there to help you. As always, you can call Mayor Behr at home if your issue is urgent.

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### **PHONE BOOKS RECYCLING**

Remember that your old telephone books can be placed in paper bags in your blue bins every Tuesday for recycling.

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### **LEAF PICKUP UNDERWAY**

Vacuuming of leaves piled on the grass near the curb has begun and will continue into December. PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET OR ON A NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY (WHICH WE RECENTLY SAW A WORKER DOING). 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 blades of our expensive leaf vacuum machine.

We are following the same procedure as last year. 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 yard 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!

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## TOWN MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

Please use caution when driving behind the Town tractors and trucks. They are often moving very slowly as the men work alongside or in front of the vehicles. Kindly resist riding on their bumpers; give them some space and yourself room to see around them so you are sure it is safe to pass. Now, during leaf season, the vehicles will often be stopped while picking up leaves. It is not feasible for them to move out of the way immediately. If they did, they would never finish their work. You might save time by using another street to go around them.

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## TOWN DIRECTORY REVISION

If you are new to the community, if you wish to be included in the Town Directory for the first time, or if you wish to amend your family's entry, please complete and return the postcard enclosed with this *Town Journal* to the Town Hall at 4510 Cumberland Avenue **no later than December 7**. If you do not return this card, your name will appear as it does in the present directory. Here is your chance to add your e-mail addresses as well. Children may be listed, too. If you are new in Town and have not completed a similar form from your newcomer's packet, you must complete this card to be added to the 2002 version. Questions? Please call the office (301-657-3211).

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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 Sam and Jackie Davis, 5510 Uppingham Street, to remove an infested and dying cherry tree from their front yard.

Stanley and Judith Baldinger, 5533 Warwick Place, to remove a seriously declining silver maple from their back yard.

Wes and Carol Carson, 5410 Surrey Street, to remove a red oak suffering severe root decay from their front yard.

Driveway Aprons, Curbs: W. James Vanderzon, 4902 Falstone Avenue, to replace his driveway and apron.

William Hanlon, 4824 Cumberland Avenue, to replace his driveway and apron.

Ann Bisconti, 5530 Greystone Street, to replace her apron.

Judy Frankel, 5528 Uppingham Street, to cut a curb for insertion of a storm drain pipe.

### **Legislation**

At the October 1 meeting, the Town Council introduced an ordinance updating Chapter 9, Article I, Section 9-102. Advisory Speed Limit on Essex Avenue; Section 9-103. Speed Humps Authorized; and Section 9-104.

Warning Signs for Speed Humps to add speed humps approved by Town Council and set advisory speed limit of 15 miles per hour at speed humps and Essex hill.

### **Council Activity**

At the October 1 meeting, the Council:

- 1 Confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Roland Roberts to the Audit Committee.
2. Heard the independent auditor's report for fiscal year 2001 presented by Jim Lindsey and Bob Diss of Lindsey & Salita.
3. Approved a building permit for Jim and Maura Vanderzon, 4902 Falstone Avenue, to extend the rear of their house 10 feet on the first floor and to demolish the rear deck and the front planter and retaining wall, subject to receipt of the contractor's name and Maryland Home Improvement Commission license number. Also approved their tree removal permit application to take down a cherry tree in their front yard.
4. Approved a building permit for Carol Manning, 4912 Essex Avenue, to finish her attic and raise a portion of her roof to meet County ceiling height requirements.
5. Approved a building permit for Michael and Mliss Reingruber, 4522 Dorset Avenue, to enlarge and enclose their rear porch, finish an existing garage and add a deck to the rear of their house.
6. Approved the purchase of a pool cover from PoolService Company for \$11,475.
7. Approved proposal of A&A Painting & Carpentry, Inc., to paint the fence around the baby pool, the lifeguard stands, bathhouse posts and stairwell rails for \$1,000.
8. Approved the purchase of a bed edger from Lawn & Power Equipment for \$2,023.99.
9. Approved a three-year contract with Mulheron Tree Experts to clear and sand all Somerset sidewalks at a cost of \$37.50 per man-hour.
10. Approved a change to the pension provision in the Personnel Policies Manual to read as follows: "8 percent of salary beginning with first day of employment."

11. Authorized the Mayor to sign an amendment to extend our contract with WGES for County aggregated electricity supply for all power except streetlights used by the Town (not the residents).

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**MAYOR**

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***Deadlines: Ads, November 14; Copy, November 15***

**Committee Recommends Fencing Around Town Garage**

By Corrie Morsey, Chairman, Parks and Natural Resources Committee

The Parks and Natural Resources Committee met in Capello Park on Saturday, October 13, and discussed a number of areas in the park dealing with specific trees, shrubs and plants. Following are some additional items addressed:

- Screening the Town garage - The committee recommends that it be fenced (matching the existing fence in the vicinity) and the enclosure paved with gravel for easy maintenance.
- A dense tree buffer along Wisconsin Avenue - It was learned that the area is used by young soccer teams and for the egg toss at the Town's 4th of July picnic. Consequently, a dense planting is not practical. However, we will explore planting some American hollies in the area adjacent to the existing fence.



- Vinton Park reforestation - The Maryland Department of Natural Resources recommends that the Town's next step be the elimination of bamboo within the park, and the committee agrees. The area needs to be surveyed and cost estimates obtained before the proposal is presented to the Council.

- Several projects were placed on a list for a landscaper to undertake next spring if the Town does not have a horticulturist.

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## **School to Be Modernized With Community in Mind**

By Bonnie Lewin and Rochelle Zeidman

At the end of this school year, the building that has been Somerset Elementary School and a vital part of the Town of Somerset for more than half a century is slated to be torn down. A brand new school will be built in its place, scheduled to open in September 2003.

For more than two years planners have been working to craft a building design that best meets the needs of the students and community. Construction will be financed by our tax dollars and is subject to the fiscal restraints of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). However, there are several areas where the County-approved plan can be enhanced by funds from independent sources. MCPS regulations stipulate that any outside funds must go toward community-oriented improvements, as opposed to curriculum-oriented improvements that could create educational disparities between Somerset Elementary and other County elementary schools.

Community-oriented improvements under consideration fall into two general categories:

### **Field, Landscaping and Play Area Upgrades:**

The playing fields of the school are used heavily by the students and the neighborhood. Special turf, improved irrigation and drainage could help protect the field from turning into a mud pit. Improvements might also take the form of an integrated landscape design as well as transplanting trees. In addition, funds might be focused on creating more inviting and accessible play spaces for children.

### **Community Arts Spaces:**

Several improvements being discussed focus on creating spaces for the community to enjoy creative and performing arts. Ideas include enhanced lighting and sound systems and even an outdoor amphitheater, which could accommodate concerts or dramatic performances.

Whatever form the improvements ultimately take, they will be funded by the Somerset Elementary School Educational Foundation. Since 1994, a very committed group of parents,

including Town residents Pat Gage, Jo Albert, Anne Proctor and Bonnie Lewin, have secured funds that made possible an improved playing field and technology and arts initiatives.

### **How to Make a Difference**

This year's campaign, known as the Foundation for the Future, promises to be the Foundation's largest effort yet. Somerset already has a national reputation as a place where parents and neighbors are committed to the school's success. As the school gears up for its 75th anniversary in 2003, the modernization presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make a real difference in our children's educational experience, while at the same time enhancing the quality of our neighborhood.

As in the past, the Somerset School community is hoping the Town of Somerset will continue to play a leadership role in creating a space we can all enjoy. To get involved in the Foundation for the Future or to contribute, please call Rochelle Zeidman (301-986-9343) or Bonnie Lewin (301-652-2058). Or you may write Somerset Elementary School Education Foundation, P.O. Box 70602, Chevy Chase, MD 20813. If you prefer e-mail, the address is **somersetfoundaton@erols.com**.

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### **Surprise in Store for Concert Goers**

Surprise! The artist featured in the Friendship Heights Village Center concert series on Wednesday, October 31, is **Jon Spelman**, a renowned storyteller who will celebrate Halloween not with music, but with chilling tales. As for all Wednesday evening performances, everyone is welcome, there is no admission charge, and the hour-long show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Following is the program for November:

**November 7.** Singer/songwriter **Barbara Martin** and her trio will perform jazz from the 1930s and '40s and "slice of life" original songs.

**November 14.** U.S. Scottish fiddle champion **Elke Baker** will play songs long lost in Scottish history, from haunting airs to toe-tapping reels.

**November 21.** Classical guitarist **Eric Weinhagen's** repertoire spans five centuries and dozens of countries. He will concentrate on Spanish music.

**November 28.** **Second Story Band** will offer blues, Celtic, rock, West African and Caribbean rhythms, using a variety of instruments and electronics combinations.

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***Maryland Emancipation Weekend Planned***

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission invites the public to join in “Maryland Emancipation Weekend,” a free commemoration of the end of slavery in Maryland, Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Manor House in Olney and Sandy Spring Slave Museum in Sandy Spring, and Sunday, November 4, 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville.

On Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m. the Rural Legacy Trail will be formally opened, followed by a hike on the trail to Sandy Spring and then a half-mile farther to the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and African Art Gallery on Brooke Road, where refreshments and entertainment will be available. Woodlawn Manor House will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for tours, and reenactors will present Maryland emancipation history. Woodlawn was built about 1800 by the Thomas family, local Quakers who operated a boarding school on the property.

### **Festivities Move to Brookeville on Sunday**

On Sunday, November 4, from noon to 4 p.m. a celebration of the emancipation of the slaves in Maryland will take place at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville with a formal program from 2 to 3 p.m. Oakley Cabin, which served as a home to both slaves and free blacks, is Montgomery County's premiere African American historic site open to the public.

Visitors to Oakley Cabin will find an encampment by the reenactors of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, demonstrations of open hearth cooking and tours of the cabin before and after the program. Gospel choirs will provide entertainment and a speaker will talk about African American history in Montgomery County. Visitors will enjoy corn bread and hot cider. Free parking is available at Longwood Recreation Center, 19300 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, and a free shuttle bus will carry people to Oakley Cabin.

All events during Maryland Emancipation Weekend are free and open to the public. Call 301-563-3400 for more information, or check the Web site [www.montgomeryparksfnd.org](http://www.montgomeryparksfnd.org) and click on Friends Groups.

Maryland was the first of the Southern states to voluntarily free the slaves within its boundaries by popular vote. A new state constitution, taking effect on November 1, 1864, in its Declaration of Rights abolished slavery and involuntary servitude. This was a momentous event, occurring as it did before the end of the Civil War.

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### **Back-to-School Classic a Big Success**

By P. Kaye Haniffee

Somerset's residents graciously welcomed and cleared the streets for more than 900 registered participants and many more who came out to cheer on teachers, parents, students, neighbors and serious runners in the 14th annual Back-To-School Classic. This year's event, which included an

8K race, a 2K race, the kid's fun run and a fabulous post-race brunch, raised over \$20,000 for our neighborhood school.

On behalf of the Somerset PTA, Race Co-Chairs Eileen Coen and Susan Purtiz and the Race Committee would like to thank all who participated by sponsoring the race, volunteering, running, buying t-shirts, or just supporting the race by remembering to park off the street on the morning of September 30.

Top finishers in the 8K event were Jim Hage of Seabrook, MD and Busse of Washington, D.C. Somerset's own London family dominated the 2K event, with Scott coming in first in the male category and younger brother, David, finishing third. In the female category, Megan Andrews came in first. Town residents Kathryn Stapleton and Clare Hanlon were neck and neck for 2nd and 3rd place. Many of our youngest neighbors took first place in the fun run for their age group, including: Gavin Springer, Tommy Reingruber, Daniel Herbick, Matt Bookman, Hannah Levin, Jana London and Clare Hanlon.

We thank the Town of Somerset for all the help and support we received. This year the wonderful tent behind the school was donated by the Town, including the labor required to put it up and take it down! The Town's cooperation, contributions and support truly make this important event possible.

### **Agenda**

#### **REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2001 – 7:30 P.M.**

1. Approval of minutes of the October 1 regular meeting – 7:30.
2. Confirmation of Mayor's appointment of Kaz Fotoohi to Long-Range Planning Committee to fill vacancy due to resignation of Charles Haywood – 7:35.
3. Action on removal of old deck and construction and removal of new deck without permits by Hastings Builders at 5525 Warwick Place – 7:40.
4. Mayor's report – 7:50.
5. Development/plans in the vicinity of Somerset – 8:05.
6. Suggestions and questions from residents – 8:15.
7. Action on ordinance updating Chapter 9, Article I, Section 9-102. Advisory Speed Limit on Essex Avenue; Section 9-103. Speed Humps Authorized; and Section 9-104. Warning Signs for Speed Humps to add speed humps approved by Town Council and set advisory speed limit at humps and hill to 15 miles per hour – 8:30.

8. Action on extension of swimming pool management contract for 2002 season with Bethesda Aquatics at \$55,697, which represents a three percent increase over the contract for the 2001 season – 8:35.
9. Discussion by B-CC Rescue Squad Assistant Chief Peter Morris of planned Rescue Squad satellite station in Friendship Heights and possibility of placing automatic external defibrillators in Somerset Town Hall and swimming pool – 8:45.
10. Discussion of Montgomery County emergency plans and procedures – 9:15.
11. New business – 9:45.

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### **County Council Filling Two Key Posts**

The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications for two important positions - one on the Merit System Protection Board, the other on a committee that will study the compensation of four top offices.

Comprised of three members, the Merit System Protection Board oversees the merit system for the protection of employees and applicants. Members serve three-year terms and are paid \$6,500 a year.

With a membership of seven, the Compensation Advisory Committee will study the salaries of the County Executive, County Councilmembers, Sheriff and State's Attorney and submit recommendations to the County Council within 90 days.

Interested citizens should submit letters and resumes to President Blair Ewing, Montgomery County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850. Deadline for the Merit System Protection Board is November 12, for the Compensation Advisory Committee, November 16.

Detailed announcements for both positions are posted on the Town Hall bulletin board.

### **STARPOWER IS COMING**

After several months in Town, a Pepco contractor has completed preparatory work on the utility poles - including replacing some with taller ones - to accommodate Starpower wires and cables. Starpower will sell cable TV in competition with Comcast. It will also offer high-speed Internet access and telephone service. Starpower hopes to string wires and cables in the second quarter of next year and offer service in Somerset during the second half of 2002.

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