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Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

Last Call for Flu Shots

As announced in last in last month's Town Journal, the MedStar Visiting Nurse Association will administer flu shots in the Town Hall again this year, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 7. Appointments for specific times are required. Call Tom or Corrie at 301-657-3211.

The cost will be \$26, payable, preferably, by check made out to "MedStar Health VNA, Inc." Seniors who have Medicare Part B coverage will not have to pay, provided Medicare is their primary medical coverage and provided they are not members of a health maintenance organization (HMO). They must bring their Medicare ID card with them.

Pneumonia shots will not be offered this year.

Flu shots are recommended for most people 50 and older. However, the VNA nurses will administer the vaccine to anyone who is at least 18. (Authorities say that most individuals six months or older will benefit from a flu shot.)

Others for whom shots are recommended:

Women who will be 14 or more weeks pregnant between December and March, which is flu season.

However, those in the third trimester of pregnancy must bring written permission from their primary physician.

Health care workers.

Caregivers.

Anyone who wants to avoid the risk of spreading flu (and possible complications) to a loved one or friend.

Individuals who should not be vaccinated include those who are allergic to eggs, those with a history of Guillian-

Barre Syndrome, those with a fever and lactating women. Continued on next page.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Flu shots, Friday, November 7, 9 a.m., - 1 p.m., page 1

County Council town hall meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.

Westland Middle School

Community service day, Saturday, November 15, 1 - 4 p.m., page 4

Brown bag lunch, Tuesday, November 18, noon, page 10

Town Directory revisions, Wednesday, November 25, card enclosed

You can find reliable information on flu and other vaccines by calling the National Immunization

## Information

Hotline: 1-800-232-2522 or visiting Web site: [www.vaccineinformation.org](http://www.vaccineinformation.org).

Barbara Marblestone, who will be coordinating the operation again this year, can still use a couple of volunteers

to record checks and help process forms. If you can help, please call her at 301-652-2485.

Remember: Flu vaccines are made from killed influenza viruses. They cannot give you the flu.

## Somerset School Down; Excavation Underway

Somerset School has come down, the entrance on Deal Place to what will be a parking lot has been cut and three trees have been moved from the school area to Town parkland.

Excavation south and east of the former building site and a procession of dump trucks hauling away the debris and dirt will be underway by the time you receive this Town Journal.

At the latest biweekly construction progress meeting, we learned that the new building will be the first elementary school in the County that will be built to withstand hurricanes and earthquakes so that they could be used for emergency shelters. Technically, the school will be built to conform to Category III standards of the 2000 International Building Code, which was recently adopted by Montgomery County. Previously, County schools have been built to Category II standards, which required 25 percent less lateral bracing.

The following three areas have been marked "Forest Retention Areas," where super silt fences are in place to

keep out machinery and prevent dumping and material storage:

A strip along the western (Warwick) side from the north property line to the main entrance driveway;

A wedge-shaped area along Warwick starting at the main entrance and widening out in the vicinity of the lower driveway; and

A band of woods along the south of the property, starting with the tot lot and extending to Deal Place.

At the meeting, the contractor mentioned that intruders got inside the building one night and painted graffiti. Of

course, the graffiti bit the dust when the building came down, but damage to new work could be costly. School

authorities have instructed the contractor to call the police if it happens again. For their own safety, kids should not be on

the site. School representatives and the contractors ask residents to call the police at 301-279-8000 if

they see any activity on the site after workers leave and gates are closed.

Somerset School Principal Laurie Gross has informed us that the tot lot equipment that the Town purchased for school and community use is in storage and will be installed in the playground

of Sequoia Elementary School in Gaithersburg when funds are available. The Town spent \$22,000

for the play structures in 1995.

## Should We Reduce Height of Houses?

The Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance limits the height of houses in the R-60

zone, which applies in Somerset. The only zoning authority the Town has is to increase minimum setbacks from property lines beyond the County minimums. We have previously exercised this privilege in regard to large accessory structures (like 2-story garages) and side yard setback for some older houses that do not comply with current standards. Some people in Somerset and other neighborhoods feel that County limits on height are too generous. Generally, the maximum is 2 stories and 35 feet (measured from the curb to the mean roof height). However, the height can be increased to three stories and 40 feet if approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board. Also, the County measures height from terraces rather than curbs, which can result in houses taller than 35 to 40 feet measured from the curbs.

Our Town Attorney, Norman Knopf, believes that the Town's authority to provide for more stringent setbacks may have an effect on the height of houses. Here is an example to help clarify the concept. The minimum side yard setback in the R-60 zone, which applies in Somerset, is 8 feet on one side and a total of 18 feet on the two sides. The Council could pass an ordinance requiring an additional 1-foot setback on each side for each foot of height over 30. This would translate into 13- and 15-foot side yards for a house 35 feet high ( $8' + 5' = 13'$ ;  $10' + 5' = 15'$ ). A 2-foot extra setback would mean 18 feet on one side and 20 feet on the other. The theory is that the narrower the structure, the lower it is likely to be. Item 16 on the agenda for the November 3 Council meeting asks the Council to decide whether or not to have Norm Knopf draft such legislation for the Town to consider. This item is scheduled for 9:45 p.m.

#### Construction Boom in Somerset

The Town Council approved a record seven building permits at its October meeting, ranging in scope from a deck to a demolition with a large new replacement house.

Consideration of the applications took more than the allotted time because in some cases information, signatures, deposits and fees were missing.

This is a reminder that our recently revised Building Code sets the 15th of the month as the deadline for filing complete applications to be considered by the Council at its meeting early the following month. If applicants miss that deadline, they may file as late as the 22nd of the month, provided they pay an extra \$200. Again, the application must be complete or it cannot be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Deadlines were set to give adequate time for review by our building inspector, Larry Plummer, Tom Carter and

the Mayor and Council members in advance of the Council meeting.

#### Contractors Erecting Pillars, Repairing Curbs

If all goes according to plan, contractors will be busy on two Town projects when this issue of the Town Journal is delivered: rebuilding the Dorset/Wisconsin pillars on the north side of Dorset and replacing deteriorated sections of curbs throughout Town.

As we mentioned last month, this might be a good time for you to get bids for replacing your driveway apron, driveway or walkway if they are cracked or crumbling.

The curb contractor is CRH Concrete Services, 301-887-0353; 301-343-7140 (cell). The entrance contractor is John Perreira, 301-370-4341 (cell).

Others who bid on curb work are: Others who bid on entrance:

Highway and Safety Services, Inc. Eurostone, Joe Canico

301-937-4970; 301-252-3496 (cell) 301-933-4193; 301-942-1752

Cylos, Inc. J&L Stone Work, Les Brown

301-937-1057; 301-343-1160 (cell) 301-346-8776

Fort Myers Construction Corp. Gary Litchfield

202-636-9535; 202-437-1309 (cell) 301-649-1880; 202-302-7695

#### Community Service Day in Somerset

By Jeffrey Slavin

As part of our continuing commitment to the needy in our area, our Town will hold its annual day of service projects at the Town Hall, Saturday, November 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Residents of all ages are welcome to participate in this easy, fun and rewarding activity. This year, we will be making 1000 sandwiches to benefit the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place and the Gude Drive

Men's Shelter. In addition, we will assemble "mailbox surprises" for

patients at the Children's Inn at NIH.

We will also be collecting toiletries (especially those small products we pick up at

hotels) and canned goods. Please drop these items off during the time mentioned above.

Last year, the response to this event was overwhelming, so if you are bringing a large

group of children, we request that you sign up in advance. Please contact Co-leader Sarah

Morse at 301-907-3298 or e-mail, momomorse@hotmail.com.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

Phone Book Recycling

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

Leaf Pickup Underway

Vacuuming of leaves piled on the grass near the curb has begun and will continue into December. PLEASE

PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. KINDLY INFORM YOUR LAWN SERVICE OF THIS REQUEST.

We also ask that 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 previous years. Each morning the maintenance men survey 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.

#### Town Maintenance Vehicles

Please use caution when driving behind the Town tractor and trucks. They are often moving slowly as the men work alongside or in front of the vehicles. Kindly 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. You might save time by using another street to go around them.

#### 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 Wednesday, November 26. 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 2004 version. Questions? Please call Tom at 301-657-3211.

#### Permits Granted

The following permits were issued by the Mayor during the past month:

Trees: Laura Will and Joe Lipscomb, 4722 Dorset Avenue, to remove a dead walnut

in their side yard and a dead redbud in their front yard.

Ted Cron, 5517 Trent Street, to remove a dying flowering plum from his front yard.

Samuel Davis, 5510 Uppingham Street, to remove a dead tree from his back yard.

Virginia Biggar and Robert Menzi, 4505 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a 12-inch

maple in their back yard crowding a larger tree.

Fence: Faye and Shelton Cohen, 5518 Trent Street, to erect a front yard fence.

Driveway apron: Stacy Winick and Steven Guttentag, 5608 Warwick Place.

#### Legislation

At the October 7 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Introduced an amendment to the Town Code on the sledding policy on Cumberland Avenue.
2. Introduced an amendment to the Town Code to increase the deposit from \$60 to \$200 per tree to be planted when three or more trees are removed.

#### Council Activity

At the October 7 meeting, the Council:

1. Heard the independent auditor's report for fiscal year 2003.
2. Heard a report from Caroline Cooper, chair, on the progress of the Town Hall

#### Renovation Committee.

3. Approved a permit for Robert Chlopak and Ellen Globokar, 4917 Dorset Avenue, to remove four trees and a building permit to demolish the existing structure and build a two-story house, subject to receipt of a corrected data sheet, County demolition and building permits, Town permit fees and deposit, a landscaping plan and their tree expert's license number or evidence of insurance.

4. Approved building permit for Ralph Wooden, 5001 River Road, to add a deck to the rear of his house.

5. Approved a permit to remove two trees and a building permit for Jack and Lyndsey Gerber, 4919 Cumberland

Avenue, to build a one-story garage with a finished attic attached to the southwest portion of the existing

structure, subject to receipt of a County building permit, Town permit fees and deposit, and names of building

and tree contractors and their Maryland license numbers or evidence of insurance.

6. Approved a building permit for Bruce and Rene Lawson, 5502 Trent Street, to expand their

kitchen eight feet

into their back yard, subject to providing the name of their contractor and license number.

7. Approved a building permit for Leo Mondale and Sarah Patton, 4902 Dorset Avenue, to build a 1500 square-foot

two-story addition to the east side of their house and a permit to remove three trees, subject to providing the name

of their tree contractor and his Maryland tree expert license number or evidence of insurance.

8. Approved a building permit for Alicia and Diego Calderon, 4511 Cumberland Avenue, to add a one-story

screened porch to the rear of their house, subject to receipt of the contractor's license number.

9. Approved a building permit for Josh Bobeck and Susan Glickman, 5534 Warwick Place, to extend their first

floor, add a screened porch to the rear and add a second story, subject to receipt of a County application and

permit, the name of their contractor and his license number, a parking plan and late filing fees, permit fees and

deposit.

10. Adopted the adjusted plan to locate the north pillars at the Dorset/Wisconsin Avenues intersection, slightly

modified from the original plan due to underground utilities and poles.

11. Voted not to convert the concrete slab in the pool parking lot from a sand storage site to two additional parking

spaces for \$1,800 by a 2 - 3 vote. (Vote: Eldridge and Kessler for; Frankel, Gubser and Slavin opposed.) (The

Council will hear an alternative proposal for this at the November meeting.)

12. Authorized \$12,000 for a contract with C.R.H. Concrete Services to replace damaged curbs.

13. Voted against removal of the Town Hall pay phone by a 2 - 3 vote. (Vote: Eldridge and Kessler for; Frankel,

Gubser and Slavin opposed.) (The Council will hear additional information on this at the November meeting.)

14. Approved a contract with Hughes Landscaping to remove leaves from the pool upper parking lot during and after

leaf season as follows: 2003, \$5,200; 2004, \$5,400; 2005, \$5,600.

15. Authorized the Mayor to spend up to \$4,000 for dry ice for residents in case of power failure.

16. Approved the purchase and installation of a new water heater for the Town Hall at a cost of up to \$1,635.

### Sledding Ordinance Changes Proposed

By Council Member Jeffrey Slavin

Earlier this year, the Town went through a process of reviewing our sledding policy, which had not been

seriously looked at for over 20 years. Many residents were involved in this "discussion"

through a well attended work session and the submission of a number of letters and e-mails to the Council. The good news for many is that there does not seem to be a consensus for eliminating sledding on Cumberland. However, to address concerns about rude behavior, inconvenience, safety and emergency access, a majority of people seemed to agree that enacting rules and communicating them more efficiently would improve the sledding experience for all involved.

At the October Council meeting, I introduced an amendment to the Town Code which, I hope, will address some of the issues that residents have raised. Consideration of this amendment will take place at the November 3rd meeting, at 7:45 p.m. It is important that those interested read the proposed changes and let the Council know their views.

In addition to what is contained in the amendment to the ordinance, there is also some sentiment to have a sledding committee to review these policies on an ongoing basis, and there are some persons who feel there should be more supervision of the activity, much in the way we have lifeguards at the pool. And, of course, there are others who feel that the current ordinance works well - - so let us know.

The current ordinance is as follows:

Cumberland Avenue from Surrey Street west to 4902 Cumberland driveway is designated a sledding area. Snow in the sledding area will be left unplowed and unsanded at the discretion of the Mayor for a maximum of three (3) days following each substantial snowfall. Appropriate signs will be erected to alert drivers of the sledding area.

The proposed ordinance would read as follows:

(A) Cumberland Avenue from Surrey Street west to the 4902 Cumberland driveway is designated a sledding area.

For the 24-hour period following each substantial snowfall, as determined by the Mayor, snow in the sledding area shall be left unplowed and unsanded. In the case of an extraordinary snowfall, the Mayor may extend the sledding for up to 24 additional hours.

(B) The Mayor shall submit sledding rules to the Town Council for approval at the October meeting each year.

Such rules shall be subsequently published in the Town Journal, along with the Town's plowing and sanding policy, each year.



(C) During the sledding period, appropriate signs shall be erected to alert drivers of the sledding area. Rules

shall be posted at the top and bottom of the sledding hill.

(D) Each year the Mayor shall communicate the policy, along with a map outlining streets and alleys, to

appropriate Montgomery County police, fire and emergency agencies.

Monday, November 24, is the next date for mobile Motor Vehicle Administration service on Friendship

Boulevard alongside the Friendship Heights Village Center. Please note the new (reduced) hours: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Some of the services offered are: Renew non-commercial drivers licenses; renew Maryland photo ID cards;

obtain duplicate drivers licenses; obtain certified copies of driving records; obtain disability placards; renew vehicle registrations.

Call 1-800-950-1MVA for further information.

Get Credit for Lost Cable Service

Comcast has assured the Montgomery County Government Cable Office that the company will extend credit to customers who were without service during the violent August and

September storms. However, you will not get credit unless you apply for it.

Call Comcast at 301-424-4400 and tell them how many days you were without power. If you have a problem, call Keith Watkins of the County Cable Office at 240-777-3793 or 240-773-2288.

All About People

By Council Member Jeffrey Slavin

Photographer RICHARD LASNER (Essex) will have an exhibit of some of his Italian work on display at Creative Partners Gallery in Bethesda from November 4 to December 6. Many of the

photos focus on solitary images offering viewers an intimate glimpse of a uniquely Italian subject that

invites a quiet and reflective moment.

Congratulations to MAURIE KATHAN (Dorset), daughter of DAVID KATHAN AND SARAH

MORSE,

who was recently awarded the National Certificate of Merit by the Boy Scouts of America for her action in assisting her

brother, JOEY KATHAN, after their canoe capsized in Minnesota earlier this year.

Congratulations, also, to CYNTHIA WORD (Uppingham), whose Word/Dance/Theatre was a finalist in the

prestigious DC Metro Dance Awards in the category Outstanding New Company for 2002.

Cynthia herself was a finalist

in the category Outstanding Emerging Choreographer.

Time really does fly as we learned recently that JOSHUA CRON, son of ADAM and grandson of TED (Trent),

is already a teenager and celebrated his bar mitzvah in September. Many residents of Somerset remember father Adam as

the best newspaper carrier the Washington Post ever had. In the days of personal service, not car delivery, Adam made

sure you had your paper on your porch, rain or shine.

ADAM BOOKMAN (Trent), son of proud parents BOB BOOKMAN AND JOAN

RABINOR, was recently named a National Merit semi-finalist at B-CC High School.

In November, MAURICE ATKIN (Uppingham) will receive the Distinguished

Service Award from the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington at its annual

meeting.

Under the dynamic leadership of its president, GAYLEY KNIGHT (Cumberland), the

Women Business Owners of Montgomery County recently held their annual gala, attended by dignitaries such as

Montgomery Council member Nancy Floreen, Rockville Mayor Larry Gaimmo, State Senator Ida Ruben, along with

GAIL WERNER (Surrey), Gayley's business partner, and LESLEY SIMMONS (Cumberland).

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Jeffrey Slavin, 5706 Warwick Pl. 301-654-6767 TTY users call Maryland Relay

Deadlines: Ads, November 12; Copy November 14

## Hearty Welcome to Our New Neighbors By Bonnie Lewin

Welcome Elizabeth Hurwit and Mark Muro and their two girls, Abigail, six, and Olivia, four, to the neighborhood. They have moved to 4521 Dorset Avenue, previously owned by Morton and Anita Mintz. Elizabeth and Mark arrived in Chevy Chase in August 2002 and lived at the Irene apartments while house hunting. Mark came to Washington to work at Brookings Institute's Center on Urban Metropolitan Policy. Previously, they lived in Tucson for nine years, where Mark was an editorial writer for the Arizona Daily Star and a policy analyst at Morrison Institute at Arizona State University. While in Tucson, Elizabeth was a freelance book editor and an editor at the Arizona Historical Society. Elizabeth and Mark met at college in 1980. After college, Mark worked at the Boston Globe for ten years, where he wrote features and book reviews. Elizabeth was an editor at the Harvard University Press and was Director of Publications at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard. The family enjoys visiting museums and reading. Mark plays basketball and Elizabeth is a runner. Olivia is a first grader at Somerset Elementary School. She likes to read, draw and go to clay class. Abigail is in nursery school and enjoys playing with Blue Bear and wrestling with Olivia.

November Brown Bag Lunch Set  
By Council Member Jeffrey Slavin  
Everyone is invited to join the Mayor and me for our quarterly brown bag lunch,

Tuesday, November 18, at noon in the Town Hall. These lunches have become popular by providing opportunities to talk about Somerset issues and current events and for neighbors to get to know each other better.

As in the past, please bring a sandwich and a drink or other goodies to share. For

further information, call me at 301-654-6767.

County Needs Election Judges

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking individuals to serve as election judges at polling places on Primary Election Day, March 2, 2004, and General Election Day, November 2, 2004.

In accordance with the Election Code, judges must be registered to vote in Montgomery County. They must also be able to speak, read and write the English language, and while acting as a

judge must not hold or be a candidate for public or party office.

The board is currently seeking more than 3,000 election judges. In addition, election judges bilingual in Spanish

and election judge alternates are needed throughout the County. Training will be provided and all judges will be

compensated for Election Days.

To apply, or for more information:

If a Democrat, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8570, or e-mail: [democrats@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:democrats@montgomerycountymd.gov);

If a Republican, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8575, or e-mail: [republicans@montgomerycounty.gov](mailto:republicans@montgomerycounty.gov).

### Col. Jim Morsey Dies of Lymphoma

Jim Morsey died September 23 of non-Hodgkins lymphoma at age 73. He was a Town resident for 32 years.

Born in Minster, Ohio, he earned a B.S. from Ohio State University and an M.A. from John Carroll University.

Col. Morsey served 30 years in the U.S. Army. Career highlights included Commander of the 24th Transportation

Battalion, Director of Instruction at the Army's Transportation School, Commander of the 593rd Support Group and Chief

of the Military Traffic Management Command, Europe. He served two tours in Germany and Vietnam and one in Korea.

He graduated from the Command and General Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Jim's military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service

Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster,

Defense Meritorious Service

Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was a member of Army Navy

Country Club, National Defense Transportation Association and the Military Officers Association of America.

After his military service, he worked for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Corrie, his wife of 33 years, survives him. He is also survived by a daughter of West Grove, PA, five

grandchildren and two sisters. A son died earlier this year.

At 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 12, a service will be held at the Old Post Chapel, Ft., Myer, VA,

followed by burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Afterwards, the family will greet friends at the Army Navy Country

Club, Arlington.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, that tax deductible donations be made to either the Henry Jackson

Foundation for 5 West, Hematology/Oncology Unit, National Naval Medical Center [send to LCDR Mary Gerash,

NNMC, 8901 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20889] or Fisher House Foundation, 1401

Rockville Pike, #600, Rockville,

MD 20852.

County to Host Marathon in Parks

On Sunday, November 9, Montgomery County will host the 4th annual Marathon in the Parks, offering 1,000

runners from across the country a certified, point-to-point, 26.2-mile course that includes a remarkable 20-miles of parkland. No other metropolitan-based marathon in the country can boast such a natural setting.

The Montgomery Parks Foundation (a non-profit organization that supports private initiatives to enhance County parks) and the Montgomery County Road Runners are the marathon's organizers, with the support of corporate sponsors and local government agencies.

The race will begin at 7:00 a.m. at the Shady Grove Metro Station in Gaithersburg and will finish at the

intersection of Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues in downtown Bethesda beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The predominately flat

course will leave the Metro station area and enter the County's park system at Lake Needwood in Rockville. Runners

will traverse for miles along Rock Creek Regional Park before entering the Georgetown Branch trail and crossing the

finish line in Bethesda.

Runners and volunteers may register on-line by visiting [www.marathonintheparks.com](http://www.marathonintheparks.com) or by calling 301-762-

0002, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The marathon's Web site and

telephone number also provide information on major road closings associated with the race and traffic tips for motorists. Spectators are encouraged to cheer the runners on the course or at the finish line in downtown Bethesda.

#### Have Opinion on Woodmont Triangle?

The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning invites the public to a workshop and focus group on

the future of downtown Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. The main goal is to bring together the community's diverse concerns and visions for the Triangle to formulate a proposal for action by the Planning Board and County Council.

Staff will present a draft proposal at the end of the workshop, invite public comment and present an issues paper

to the Planning Board for recommendations to the County Council. Workshop and focus group will be held at the

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Monday, November 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Business owners, developers, residents and public officials are concerned about a decline in business in the

Woodmont Triangle. The great popularity of the Bethesda Row area to the south contrasts with an increase in empty

storefronts and office vacancies in the Woodmont area. Some property owners and developers believe that County

regulations and the 1994 Bethesda Central Business District Sector Plan restrict their ability to revitalize and prosper

while many merchants and residents are concerned that redevelopment efforts could mean the loss of Woodmont's

unique character.

For more information, contact M-NCPPC planner Marilyn Clements, 301-495-4572, or John Carter, 301-495-

4575. For directions, contact the Services Center at 240-777-8200.

#### Openings on Victims Services Board

County Executive Douglas M. Duncan is seeking applicants to fill seven vacancies on the Victims Services

Advisory Board. Three vacancies are for health, legal, medical, dental, or nursing professionals; three are for public-at-

large members; and one is for a member of the clergy.

The board advises the Department of Health and Human Services, Crisis, Income and Victim Services Division,

which assists victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and other crimes. The board consists of 18 members, who

serve three-year terms and do not receive compensation.

The primary responsibility of the board is to review available services for crime victims and their families and

determine program needs and gaps in services. The group also makes recommendations for funding allocations based on priorities and available resources, participates in developing an annual victim and family service plan, and acts as a local advocate for crime victims services programming.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month in Rockville. Also, an average of five hours per month of board-related committee work is expected.

Interested citizens should write by November 7 to Duncan at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St.,

Rockville, MD 20850. A brief resume, including home and work phone numbers, should be enclosed. Members of

County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time.

Duncan's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for

appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

Bike Trail Open

Montgomery County is pleased to announce the opening of the second segment of the North Bethesda

Trail regional bikeway network.

Connecting Fleming Avenue on the south to Tuckerman Lane and Senior Drive on the north, this

section of the trail is an integral part of the planned 3.5-mile North Bethesda trail network that will eventually

link Old Georgetown Road and Rockville Pike.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Monday November 3, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the October 7 regular meeting *f* 7:30.
2. Discussion of financial report *f* 7:35.
3. Report by Caroline Cooper, chair, Town Hall Renovation Committee *f* 7:40.
4. Action on Town Code amendment on sledding policy *f* 7:45.
5. Action on building permit application by Marc Reshefsky, 5605 Warwick Place, to demolish the existing house and build a two-story with attached two-car garage *f* 7:55.
6. Action on building permit application by Knut and Cathleen Leipold, 5516 Greystone Street, to demolish the porch/carport and build a two-story addition to the right side of their house *f* 8:05.
7. Action on building permit application by Michael and Karen Kuehl, 5800 Warwick Place, to add a two-story extension to the rear of their house *f* 8:10.
8. Action on landscaping plan of Robert Chlopak and Ellen Globokar, 4917 Dorset Avenue *f*

8:15.

9. Mayor's report *f* 8:20.

10. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset *f* 8:35.

11. Suggestions and questions from residents *f* 8:45.

12. Presentation by Gregory Fernebok, president, Sheridan Development, of plans for Bethesda View, a commercial and condominium redevelopment of one-story structures and parking lot on Wisconsin

Avenue, north of Bradley Boulevard *f* 8:55.

13. Action on recommendation of Swimming Pool Committee to accept new pool

management contract for 2004 season with Bethesda Aquatics at \$59,807, which

represents a five percent increase over the contract for the 2003 season *f* 9:15.

14. Action on Swimming Pool Committee recommendation to purchase a piece of

playground equipment for the grassy area near the patio on the entrance side of the bathhouse *f* 9:25.

15. Report and recommendations by Town Lighting Committee *f* 9:35.

16. Action on proposal to have Town Attorney draft more stringent setbacks that could have an effect on the height of houses *f* 9:45.

17. Possible reconsideration of proposal to convert the concrete slab in the pool parking lot from a sand storage site to two additional parking spaces for \$1,850 *f* 10:00.

18. Possible reconsideration of proposal to abandon the pay phone on the Town Hall porch, which costs us \$80 a month for an average of 21 calls, or about \$4 per call *f* 10:10.

19. Action on Town Code amendment to increase the deposit from \$60 to \$200 per tree to be planted when three or more trees are removed *f* 10:20.

20. Action on adding dental coverage to health plan for Town employees for \$245.40 per year per employee *f* 10:25.

21. Action authorizing an additional \$4,000, increasing total expense to \$20,000, for rebuilding the Dorset/Wisconsin entrance *f* 10:30.

22. New business 10:35.

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