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Everyone is Invited to Somerset's Welcome Party

By Bonnie Lewin

The Town of Somerset is a wonderful place to live and is actively sought out by many house hunters. Over the past year, sixteen new families have moved in. So, once again it is time for the Annual Welcome Party when neighbors greet new residents who have moved in more recently (For more about your new neighbors see pages 10 and 11). This year's welcome party will take place at the Somerset Pool under the tent on **Sunday, September 12, from 4 -6 p.m.** Bring your children and your favorite CDs and relax with a glass of wine or soda and light refreshments, which will be provided by the Town. At 5:00 p.m., Mayor Behr will introduce the new residents while Daisy, the Magic Bunny, will entertain children. Please call Bonnie Lewin (301) 907-4772, Lindsey Gerber (301) 654-2984, or Jeffrey Slavin, (301) 654-6767 if you have any questions or want to help with set-up and clean-up.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 5, Pot Luck and Movie at the Pool

Tuesday, September 7, Town Council Meeting

Saturday, September 11, Movie at the Pool

Sunday, September 12, Welcome Party

Monday, September 13, Deadline to opt out of Emergency Phone Network

Friday, September 17, Deadline for Journal Ads

Monday, September 20, Deadline for Journal Copy

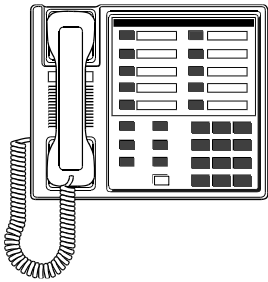
Thursday, September 23, Oral History Meeting

Sunday, October 10, Back to School Classic

Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

Emergency Phone Network Deadline Is September 13



As announced in last month's *Town Journal*, a Somerset emergency phone network will be activated next month. If your number is listed in the 2004 Town Directory, it will be included in the network unless you notify the Town Hall, by e-mail or note that you do not want to be part of the system.

No cost is involved on the part of residents.

Contemplated use might be to warn of an impending emergency or convey information after an event about dry ice, health care, food and shelter or cleanup.

Included in the network will be phone numbers of new residents who have already authorized listing of their names and phone numbers in the next Town Directory - unless the Town office is notified to the contrary. Each household may include up to three phone numbers in the emergency network. So if you have a second number or third one - regular or cell - that you want included, e-mail or write Tom Carter by Monday, September 13.

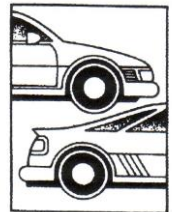
PORI, the company that will operate the automated messaging service, has assured us that phone numbers on the system will, under no circumstances, be released to any other source.

Traffic Counts Scheduled for Town Entrances

Vehicles entering and leaving Somerset at each of the Town's five entrances will be counted during rush hours the week of September 13. Rush hours for purpose of the counts will be 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Grove/Slade Associates of D.C. will do the counting. All five intersections may not be monitored on the same day. Graphics prepared by the consultants will show the number of vehicles at each intersection turning left, turning right and traveling straight through.

The Town Council authorized the study as a result of concern raised by residents of constantly increasing traffic, particularly on Dorset Avenue. Laurie Gross, Principal of Somerset School, has advised us that any restriction on entering the Town would be a major problem for the school staff.

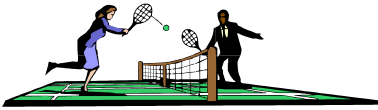


Political Signs OK, But...

Signs supporting your favorite political candidates and issues are acceptable in Somerset, provided the signs are on your property, at least five feet from the Town right-of-way. Since the public space in most of Somerset extends back 14 feet from the curb, signs must be a minimum of 19 feet from the curb.

The location limitation is based on the Montgomery County Sign Ordinance, which Somerset adopted many years ago. Another provision of the County law limits the display of any sign to 30 days without a County permit. The County law is "content neutral." In Somerset, however, we are deviating from the 30-day limitation since several Federal courts have ruled that restrictions of political signs would violate the free speech provision of the United State Constitution.

Tennis Courts Resurfaced for Free



Because of a few hairline cracks, the contractor that resurfaced the Town tennis courts three years ago has just done it for us again, but at no cost to Somerset. The courts look - and play - like new.

Vandals Hit Three Somerset Cars

A resident of Uppingham Street near Trent reported damage to two of the family Volvos parked opposite her house within the past month. In the first incident, vandals stole the rear license tag and damaged the front one in what appeared to be an unsuccessful effort to remove it. Later in the month, hubcaps were taken from a different car. They were found nearby, but with the "Volvo" insignia missing.

One night late last month, in the 4900 block of Dorset Avenue, vandals smashed the driver's side window of the resident's car, which was locked and parked in the resident's driveway.

Police were notified of all three incidents, but have not reported any suspects.

Worse news comes from Chevy Chase Village. A Saab was stolen from a driveway on West Kirke Street on a recent Saturday night. The car was **unlocked**. Two days later, an officer recovered an abandoned stolen motorcycle on the same street. The police have not discovered a connection between the two events. Again, there are no suspects.

Please lock your vehicles wherever they are parked.

90-Day Trial for New STOP Sign

If you have been away on a long vacation, you may not have experienced the four new STOP signs in Town. Two are on Dorset Avenue at Devon Lane; the other two are at the intersection of Devon Lane and Cumberland Avenue.

All four signs were authorized by the Town Council for a trial period of 90 days. After 90 days, the Council will decide whether or not the signs should remain. If you have an opinion on the subject, feel free to send an e-mail or note to the Mayor and Council at the Town Hall.

They're All Contributing to Life in Somerset

New members of the Swimming Pool Committee, confirmed by the Council earlier this month, are **Joel Brinkley** and **Bess Pickar**. **Josh Bobeck** was confirmed for a second three-year term and will continue as committee chair.

Other members of the committee are **Lorrie Barse**, **Bridget Cowie**, **Toni Farrell**, **Rob McGarrah**, Council member **Rick Kessler**, **Chris Lane**, **Laura Levine**, **Sarah Morse** and **Stan Weiss**. Retiring members are **Adam Bookman** and **Ann Brown**.

A great many residents serve Somerset, some on committees, but not all. An outstanding example of the latter is **Sandra Hughes**, who has represented the Town for over a year at the biweekly meetings monitoring construction progress and problems of the new Somerset School. Sandra, an attorney, has had to resign because of the time restraints of a new job. As one neighbor wrote, "Yours was a truly thankless task, and yet you carried out your responsibilities relentlessly ... The correct expression is 'grace under pressure.'"

On the few occasions that Sandra could not attend meetings, **Zola Schneider** and **Don Brenner** sat in for her.

Other residents make physical contributions to Somerset. The most recent benefactor, **Paul Duggal**, has just placed a brand new bike rack at the tennis court.

Thanks to all volunteers, including Council members, and benefactors. They keep things humming in Somerset.

Editor's Note: Read an expanded version of the Mayor's Den on the Town website at www.townofsomerset.com

Town to Collect Traffic Data

By Council Member Tom Eldridge

Do you think that traffic in our Town has gotten worse? Do you see drivers increasingly blow through Town stop signs? Are you concerned about possible increased traffic in our Town from planned nearby development? In response to these concerns raised at Town Meetings over the course of several months, the Town Council in July approved a plan to perform a traffic study. The study will measure comprehensively the traffic flow through our Town, by collecting data on cars entering and leaving at each Town entrance. Our goal is to collect baseline traffic data now so we can better gauge changes in traffic patterns over time.

Although there are no proposals currently being considered to change traffic flow in Town, some residents have suggested we take action to reduce cut-through traffic. Many residents are not aware that Somerset owns its Town streets, giving us the legal authority to enact such rules. One idea discussed at a recent meeting, for example, is to limit access to Town from Little Falls Parkway during rush hours. The Traffic study should help us make better-informed decisions on this, or any other possible proposed traffic modification.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

Office Schedule

The week you receive this Tom will be away on vacation. Corrie Morsey will be in the office on August 30 and 31 and on September 2.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Tomas Villanueva has replaced Felix Vasquez on the maintenance staff. Tomas comes from Honduras, but has lived here for the past nine years.

FOUND

A wheelbarrow was found on Surrey Street the third week of July. If it belongs to you or one of your contractors, please call Tom at 301-657-3211.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSIC 8-KM RACE

Don't forget the 8-kilometer race through the streets of Somerset sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA on Sunday, October 10. The intersections of Dorset and Cumberland Avenues with Wisconsin Avenue and Greystone Street with River Road will be closed from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Runners can register on line at runwashington.com.

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.

RECYCLE BINS

Please be sure you wash out your blue recycle bins occasionally. If they are not relatively clean, our trash haulers can refuse to pick them up.

PERMITS GRANTED

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

Trees: Jack and Lyndsey Gerber, 4919 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a decayed basswood and a leaning wild cherry, both in their front yard.

Tim Alexander, 4607 Dorset Avenue, to remove a large magnolia in the back yard that is leaning over his house.

Curbs: Mike and Missy Reingruber, 4522 Dorset Avenue, to replace their driveway apron.

Council Activity

At the August 2 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Renewed Town membership in Montgomery Municipal Cable Television by contributing the entire franchise fee payment from the County, which is based on number of Somerset cable subscribers.
2. Approved a resolution authorizing the Somerset Elementary School PTA's request to close the River Road and Wisconsin Avenue entrances on October 10 from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. for their annual 8-kilometer race.
3. Confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Josh Bobeck to a three-year term and chair of the Swimming Pool Committee and appointment of Joel Brinkley and Bess Pickar to three-year terms.

4. Postponed action on appointments of two residents to Pool Survey Committee because of the lack of one recommendation from the Town Council.
5. Heard a report from Caroline Cooper, chair of the Town Hall Renovation Committee. The architect is drafting three options for review by Council and residents sometime this fall.
6. Postponed action on building permit applications for 4902 and 4904 Essex Avenue pending additional information regarding storm water drainage, parking and tree removals. Authorized the Mayor to hire an independent arborist to assess the trees requested for removal for both lots and render a report to the Council.
7. Approved a building permit application for Valerie Green and Matt Lieppe, 5519 Trent Street, to add a screened porch and deck to the rear of their house, subject to receipt of a copy of the new drainage plan, receipt of the County permit and payment of the Town building fees and deposit.
8. Approved a tree removal permit for Allison May, 5513 Trent Street, to remove three arborvitaes, but not the holly from her front yard.
9. Postponed action on a recommendation of the Street Light Committee to install on a trial basis different light fixtures and types of bulbs at 12 to 15 locations in Town pending cost quotes for different bulbs and fixtures.
10. Approved a resolution that the Town of Somerset identify alternatives for encouraging the use of organic lawn care strategies by the Town and the Town's residents.
11. Approved Triple J Construction's bid to install a basketball hoop (with fence) at a cost of \$3,575 for young children on the pool lower parking lot.
12. Approved the extension of the swim season for the weekends of September 25-26 and October 2-3.

Lighting Demonstration Revisited

By Birdie Pieczenik, Chair, Security Committee and Howard Byron, Chair, Lighting Committee

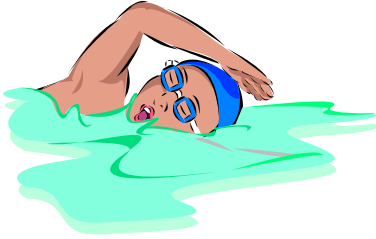
In response to objections from residents regarding the previously proposed lighting demonstration, the Lighting Committee has modified its proposals for a lighting demonstration to show alternatives that should satisfy **all** objections. Some residents were opposed to the yellow color of the High Pressure Sodium (HPS) bulbs. Others were concerned about unwanted light shining through their windows, or light that was too much brighter than the Mercury Vapor lamps currently throughout our Town. The new demonstration, to be proposed to the Council at its September meeting, now also includes two types of white lights, Metal Halide, a technology that is newer and more efficient than Mercury Vapor -- but less efficient and more costly than HPS -- and Induction lighting, a new technology that boasts 25 year bulb life but at a cost 3 times that of HPS, as well as lower wattage bulbs.

The committee will demonstrate two methods; flat lens fixtures, which aim the light directly below the bulbs; and shields, which are installed in selected tear drop globes to block light from nearby homes. The committee believes that the most effective way to limit stray light is with shields in selected fixtures, which could be installed on request. While the flat lens fixture will probably not be appropriate for Somerset where the distance between lights is fixed by the location of the poles -- we believe they will produce narrow beams of light under each fixture producing circles of light on the ground at each pole with vast areas of blackness in between -- this should be demonstrated for comparison. Fifty watt bulbs will be added to the proposed demonstration in addition to the 70 and 100 watts previously recommended. After a few weeks demonstration, residents would be asked for their preferences. The Council would then vote on what changes, if any, should be made to the Town lighting.

The proposed demonstration would start at Trent Court and include 13 lights situated through the intersections of Falstone and Uppingham and ending at 5403 Trent. Please come to the Town meeting with your comments or write to the Town Council or Howard Byron or Birdie Pieczenik.

Swim Team News

By Sarah Morse, Team rep



The practice lanes are available for lap swimmers, the pool is quiet in the early morning hours – the swim team is done for the season.

It's always a bittersweet moment for me; as much as I enjoy the quiet again – I do miss the excitement of the swim season. And what an exciting season we had. With a 4-1 record and a second place finish in the Divisional Championships, Somerset finished in second place in the J division. And we have been moved up a division on next year – it's, "Oh my! We're in One!"

The Division Championships were held on a cold and rainy day. However, the cold was soon forgotten as the meet heated up. The first race of the day went to Somerset with first and third place finishes for the Boys 12 and under 100 Meter IM. The pace continued and half time found Somerset in the lead by 33 points. The second half proved a little tougher, the cold got a little colder and with only four first place swims, we dropped to second place – a mere 10 points away from first. The meet ended on a high point, as the Boys 14 and under graduated Free style relay team – Tommy Reingruber, Joey Kathan, Isaac Sorenson and Kevin Young -- set a new team record for this event.

The All-Star Relays were the final end of the season. Five of our teams competed in the League-wide meet. Seeded second, the Boys 11-12 200 M Medley team – Isaac Sorenson, Mark Berry, Duncan Kessler and Freddy Mondale -- needed to drop only .09 seconds to beat the team seeded first. They raced, they dropped almost nine seconds; they beat the team seeded first. Unfortunately, at the last moment, coming from behind was the Mohican team touching out the Somerset swimmer for first place.

The Girls 9-10 100 M Medley was another exciting race. With a six second drop, Zoe Loversky, Gigi Charters, Jessica Springer and Grace Reingruber, surprised the competition for a bronze medal. Congratulations also to the mixed 9-10 free style team – Joey Kathan, Kush Jadaja, Jessica Springer and Zoe Loversky – who dropped time to place 6th, the mixed 11-12 free style team, - Duncan Kessler, Mark Berry, Grace Dimond and Kristen Merkl, 8th place and the Girls 11-12 200 M Medley team – Crystal Pickar, Grace Dimond, Kristen Merkl and Isabel Sacks - finishing in 7th place.

The swim team also ended the social season on July 24 with its annual banquet. The weather finally cooperated for a glorious night. It's a night that is marked by trophies, trophies and more trophies. First however, there was entertainment that once again proved that Somerset swimmers are a multi-talented group. Nathan Resnik and Cobi Furcolo, both nine years old, did a guitar and drums duet. A host of other swimmers did skits and finally Michael Lape did an impression of Coach Dario Fuentes that suggests to me that Michael has a future in the comedic world.

The coaches honored six swimmers with special trophies: Kush Jadeja and Alexander Lis-Perlis received the *Spirit Awards* for their dedication to the team. Clayton Gerber and Kristen Merkl the *Most Improved Boy and Girl Swimmer Awards*. Adam Bookman and Isabel Sacks received the *Coaches Award* for all around excellence. The coaches also recognized each swimmer with a personalized award that reflected something special about the swimmer. To name just a few: Maurie Kathan got the "William Hung" award for her singing abilities. Chris Dock was bestowed the "Patriot" award in honor of the red, white and blue suit he often wears.

No awards are given to parents, but if we did, all Somerset parents would win big time. Parents are an essential part of the swim team operations. It takes over 36 parents to run a meet. The swim team would like to

thank each and every parent for making the season possible. It would be impossible to list everyone here, but you know who you are. Thank you!

Adult Pool Party Filled with Fun

By Mary Geffroy

On Saturday, July 17 the Town was abuzz at the "Somerset Cicada" adult pool party. Several residents attended the fun-filled party and enjoyed good conversation, food, drinks and music. Some also enjoyed a lively game of water volleyball! Anne Conlee Mazlish and Mary Geffroy would like to thank everyone who helped with the party, including: Josh and Aaron Bobeck, Ann and Ken Brown, Bridget Cowie, Tom Eldridge, Lyndsey Gerber, Marc Geffroy, Chris Lane, Jen Marron, Tony, Zachary and Dean Mazlish, Franny Peale, Alan Proctor, Lauren Rubenstein, Jake Shapiro and all of the lifeguards on duty that day. Without these volunteers, the party would not have been the success that it was. Thank You!

Eat, Raft and Enjoy a Movie under the Stars on Sunday, September 5, 6:00 p.m. at the Somerset Pool.

Join your fiends and neighbors for a community potluck dinner. You bring salads and side dishes and the pool provides hot dogs, drinks and paper goods. Then get out your rafts and dive-in for a showing of Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back. Movie starts at Dark.

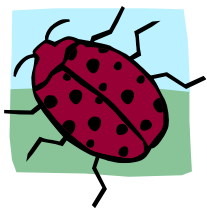
Other Scheduled Movies Nights are:

Saturday, August 28th – "Sandlot"

Saturday, September 11th – "Brother Bear"

Project Ladybug

By Faith and Chip Breen



The Somerset Town Council has unanimously endorsed Project Ladybug, joining 1,000 households and 3,000 residents in the Town of Chevy Chase. The two-year goal is to enhance the health of Town residents and pets by reducing dependence on synthetic lawn chemicals and encourage healthier alternatives. For Town residents, participation is strictly voluntary. The sponsors will provide material on healthier alternatives through a link on the Town's homepage, and leave literature discussing the program at Town Hall. In addition, an educational session for interested town residents will be scheduled in the Fall.

The motion was introduced by Councilman Jeff Slavin and co-sponsored by eighteen town residents: Dolores and Alex Bartning, Cathy Bernard, Elaine Bloomfield, Faith and Chip Breen, Bill Brenner, Patty Friedman and Blair Levin, Sandy and Diane Kay, Kathleen Kenyon and Robert Stumberg, Bill and Sarah Kingdom, Matt Morley and Joy Abel, and Robin Berman Schwartzman.

Kathleen Kenyon expressed the co-sponsors' concern regarding the possible adverse impact of synthetic chemicals on residents, pets, and water run-off into the Bay. Robert Stumberg mentioned specific incidences of children reporting respiratory attacks after rolling in recently treated grass, of entire flocks of Canadian geese collapsing dead after landing on recently treated fields, and of adults dying from allergic reactions to pesticides.

For more information, see the March 27, 2004 Washington Post article "Saying Nay to Spray," at: <http://www.organicconsumers.org/organic/lawns040504.cfm> Additional information about the Town of Chevy Chase's efforts is also available in the Somerset Town Hall.

Our next steps will be to:

- create a link with the Town's webpage so that resident's can easily access current information relevant to Project Ladybug;
- provide educational information in Town Journal regarding Project Ladybug; and,
- invite experts to brief residents' on alternative lawn care strategies.

Twin Talk

By Hannah and Brooke Kahn



Hey guys! It's hard to imagine how quickly the summer flew by. It seems like just yesterday we were running out of school, jumping into the pool, and enjoying the anticipation of a long vacation. We hope that you've all had a relaxing yet eventful summer. We'd love to hear about your experiences either here in Maryland or out of town! Personally, we've had a lot of free time, so we've been to many of this summer's hottest movies. In our opinion, the best movie of the summer was "Spiderman 2," an amazing movie filled with action, romance, and great special effects! Usually sequels never compare to the original, but we think that this movie is an exception! Some other popular summer flicks were "Dodgeball," "Harry Potter 3," "Shrek 2," and "Anchorman."

During the summer Somerset's fabulous pool is open to all town residents. We asked some Somerset kids what they would like to see added to the pool. Greg Hajjar (11) would like to have a hot tub. Alison Lynn (15) would like new hot water heaters -- that work well -- in the showers. We would love to have a snack bar in the pool area. Please let us know what you think of these ideas and let us know your own suggestions. Who knows, maybe an idea will work!

What you'll see in our next column: Katherine Kosin (16) is a member of the Town's History Committee's sub committee that is planning Somerset's 100th birthday celebration, which will take place in 2006. We will interview Katherine and find out what motivated her to become active in our Town's birthday bash. We will also be interviewing Patrick McMahon (14) former advice giver, who will be giving us information on what's going on in town. Plus, we'll have more surveys and surprises to look forward to!

We'd love to hear from you with information about interesting issues involving Somerset and its people. You can contact us at SomersetKidNews@aol.com or at (301) 656-6456. We hope you all have a fantastic school year!

Register for the Somerset Back to School Classic



Register now for the 17th Annual Somerset Back to School Classic 8K, 2K, and Fun Runs to be held on Sunday October 10 at 8:00 a.m. You can register online at www.runwashington.com or mail in the entry form insert from the Town Journal. Packet pickup and late registration will be at the Somerset Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 9 and from 6:30a.m. to 7:50 a.m. on race day. The 8K begins at 8:00 a.m. and the 2K shortly after. The races are followed by the fun runs for kids, a delicious brunch, and an awards ceremony (which includes random prize drawings). Don't

miss this wonderful community event!

Centennial License Plates

So that the State of Maryland will consider our proposal for a special Centennial License plate to mark Somerset's 100th birthday in 2006, we need 25



residents to express interest. So far 10 have done so. Find out more detail on the Town website, and please contact Gayley Knight or the Town Clerk at licenseplate@townofsomerset.com if you are interested.

All About People

By Council Member Jeffrey Slavin

BRIAN KENNEDY (Deal) son of **PETER and LAURA**, who graduated from Maret in the Spring is headed to Ithaca, N.Y and Cornell Engineering School...Many of you have followed the amazing progress of student Ya-Wen (Stacy) who had lived with **VENICE MOLIVADAS** (Greystone) and was seriously injured in an accident some months ago and lost both legs. Venice reports that Ya-Wen graduated from American University with a master's degree in art management. "It was so rewarding to see her accepting the diploma, walking across the stage with only the aid of a cane!" The young lady also received an award from the school for setting such an inspirational example. She will be returning to Taiwan in the Fall...Our wonderful Town Manager **TOM CARTER** (Cumberland) was recently re-elected as treasurer of both the Maryland Municipal Clerks Association and the Maryland Municipal Information Technology Association. It is nice that Somerset is able to share Tom's expertise with the rest of the State...Our Town's premiere "I.T" person, **GAYLEY KNIGHT** (Cumberland) has been re-elected to a second term as President of Women Business Owners of Montgomery County. She has also been nominated to serve on the board of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, where she will serve on the membership and education committees. Finally, Gayley is continuing her role as a member of the B-CC Chamber's Tech Committee...Television personality, comedienne, and artist **LILA SNOW** (Essex) will be talking about her book "With A Name Like Tuchmacher" at the Friendship Heights Community Center on Monday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your calendars...Another talented Town resident, **FLORA ATKIN** (Uppingham) has a play "Dig 'n Tel" that will be the featured production at the tenth annual Adams County Heritage Festival in Gettysburg, PA on Sunday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m.. The play was originally created for the In-School Players of Adventure Theatre and won the Maryland one act play tournament for best original play in 1978. Flora will be attending the festival and this is the fifth time one of her plays will be performed. Flora will also be speaking, lecturing, and will be honored at a reception during her stay. The Festival is open to the public and includes a variety of cultural events and ethnic foods. Sounds like a nice weekend activity for all to consider and if you need further information contact Flora at matkin@comsat.net or (301) 656-1492...As the summer season is nearing an end and with lots of people returning to Town, let's not forget to slow down our driving, especially on Dorset, make complete stops at stop signs and drop me a note with news of your summer activities.

Let's Extend a Warm Welcome to Somerset's Newest Residents

Cumberland Avenue

- ✕ 4725 – Jeff and Dana Macher; Benjamin, Eli and Abby
- ✕ 4909 – Jill Herscot and Andrew Bartley; Talia and David
- ✕ 4922 – Alan Winters and Zhen Kun Wang; Oliver

Dorset Avenue

- ✕ 4521 – Mark Muro and Elizabeth Hurwit; Olivia and Abigail
- ✕ 4525 – Israel Fainboim and Judy Glogower; Mateo
- ✕ 4807 – Maya Weil

Essex Avenue

- ✕ 4718 – Mike Christian and Sally Shea; Reily, Tyce and Shea

Falstone Avenue

- ✕ 4800 – Nadia Charters
- ✕ 4810 – Curt Holden and Meera Trehan; Curran

Greystone Street

- ✕ 5400 – Eric and Gail Manes; Alexander and Jessica
- ✕ 5512 – Collin and Alyssa Green

Grantham Avenue

- ✕ 4812 – Steven Heydemann and Gail David; Julia and Sarah

Surrey Street

- ✕ 5409 – Michael McFaul and Donna Norton; Cole and Luke

Uppingham Street

- ✕ 5412 – Chand and Kristen Khanna; Kesh and Safia

Warwick Place

- ✕ 5526 – Reed Menefee; Heather and Roby
- ✕ 5603 – Mark and Ceyla Dutz; Derin and Deniz

Somerset's Oral History Project

By Lesley Simmons, Chair, History Committee

On Wednesday, May 14, the Town of Somerset History Committee held an open meeting on "Doing Oral History" with guest speaker Gail Schwartz of Dorset Avenue. Sixteen Town residents attended.

Gail Schwartz has been a volunteer oral historian for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum since 1987. She was an excellent and entertaining speaker and presented useful basic tips on preparing for an oral history interview, how to use the equipment, and what types of questions should be asked. "Oral histories are a gift for future generations." Gail said, "they give a much fuller picture than historians will glean from documents alone."

A lively discussion and question and answer session followed the presentation and the participants offered many useful suggestions and observations. Since then, the History Committee has purchased equipment and begun to develop potential subjects for interviewing. A meeting to familiarize volunteers with the equipment and to "practice" interviewing techniques on each other will be convened on Thursday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Visit the Town website at www.Townofsomerset.com for more information about the oral history project: click on "Historic District and Tour" then "History Committee Reports" at the top of the page, then "Report No. 2: Doing Oral Histories".

County News

By Council Member Lesley Simmons

A new parking sales and collections office has opened in Bethesda at the Cheltenham Garage (Garage 42), 4720 Cheltenham Drive. Customers can obtain Cash Keys, Monthly Parking Permits, A.M.-P.M. Parking Permits, Residential Permits and Temporary /Visitor Permits at the office or pay parking tickets. The office is open Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. except on County Holidays. For more information about this and other Parking Stores visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov or call (240) 777-8770

The Montgomery County Board of Elections will conduct voter registration drives and offer demonstration on how to use voting machines from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Chevy Chase, Little Falls and White Oak Library on Saturday, September 18, at Kensington Park and Potomac Library on Saturday, September 25; and at the Davis, Olney, and Wheaton libraries on Saturday, October 21. The deadline for registering to vote in November's General Election is October 12.

The public hearing for the Master Plan of Bikeways has been set for Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. You can pick up the master plan from the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, or download a copy from the Parks and Planning website at

http://www.mc-mncppc.org/transportation/bikeways/board_draft/contents.shtm

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m., on the lawn at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The concert is a special tribute to the 11 Montgomery County residents who were lost in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Blankets and picnics are welcome. Although, the concert is free, tickets are required for admission. You can request free tickets on line at www.bsoatstrathmore.com/freetickets
For more information, call (301) 530-0540.

New Brochure available from Pepco

Pepco has published three customer education brochures with information on how to prepare for power outages, how trees affect reliable electric service, and deregulation of the electricity market. You can download the booklets or request copies by mail from Pepco’s website at www.pepco.com or call (202) 833-7500.

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Deadlines: Ads September 17; Copy September 20

ODD JOB HELPERS

The following residents have asked to be listed to do **odd jobs** for other residents at a price to be negotiated between them. Please call the Town Hall at (301) 657-3211 if you would like to add or remove names or change services you are willing to perform.

Name	Age	Phone (301)	General Chores	Baby- sitting	Pet Care/ Walking	Grass Mowing
Lucy Bascom	15	986-1263		X	X	
Chelsea Davis	17	986-1614		X		
Charles Gage	13	652-3990	X	X	X	
Becca Guiterman	16	652-8837	X	X	X	
Clare Hanlon	14	652-7454		X		
Cate Helfgott	18	657-3010	X	X	X	
Daniel Heller	20	654-5497	X			
Jacob Heller	16	654-5497	X			
Aliya Heller	15	656-8136		X		
Andy Johnson	14	657-8123				X
Brooke Kahn	14	656-6456		X		
Hannah Kahn	14	656-6456		X		
Maurie Kathan	17	907-3298		X		
Abby Kathan	13	907-3298		X	X	
Toby Kathan	16	907-3298		X	X	X
Saul Leiken	13	951-5851	X		X	
Jessie Leiken	18	951-5851	X	X	X	
Abby Lis-Perlis	16	654-4154		X		
Erin McDougal	16	654-6964		X		
Katie McDougal	13	654-6964		X		
Michael McGarrah	16	652-7385	X	X		
Patrick McMahon	14	656-0709	X		X	X
Kelly Merkl	13	215-6695		X	X	
Sophie Mondale	14	986-0240		X		
Marisa Sadoff	15	215-7762	X	X	X	
Marissa San George	15	654-7739	X	X	X	X
Alex Schneider	14	652-3167				X
Katie Shea	13	913-9424	X		X	

Kelsey Siegel	14	961-9076		X	X	
Clay Solomon	15	656-8961			X	
Anna Wisniewski	18	718-0695		X	X	

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes of the August 2 regular meeting -- 7:30.
2. Action authorizing special trash pickup Friday, October 15 -- 7:35.
3. Confirmation of Mayor's appointments of two members to the Pool House Survey Committee -- 7:40.
4. Report by Caroline Cooper, chair, Town Hall Renovation Committee -- 7:45.
5. Action on building permit application by Knut and Cathleen Leipold, 5516 Greystone Street, to add a deck to the rear of their house -- 7:55.
6. Action on building permit application by Blair Levin and Patty Friedman, 4811 Grantham Avenue, to extend their kitchen to the front of their house -- 8:00.
7. Action on permit applications by Chase Builders, 4902 Essex Avenue, to (a) demolish the existing structure and build a two-and-a-half story house with attached two-car garage; (b) remove three trees; (c) erect a 6' fence; and (d) install a driveway apron -- 8:05.
8. Action on permit applications by Patrick K. Keating & Co., 4904 Essex Avenue, to (a) demolish the existing structure and build a two-and-one-half story house with attached two-car garage; (b) remove two trees; and (c) install a driveway apron -- 8:20.
9. Mayor's report -- 8:35.
10. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset -- 8:45.
11. Suggestions and questions from residents -- 8:55.
12. Action on recommendation of Street Light Committee to install on a trial basis different light fixtures and types of bulbs at 12 to 15 locations in Town -- 9:05.
13. Report by Nat Finkelstein on new programs and equipment of Montgomery Municipal Cable (Channel 16) -- 9:15.
14. Action on request of Mark Dutz and Ceyla Pazarbasoglu, 5603 Warwick Place, to lease or purchase a sliver of Town parkland adjoining the rear of their lot so that a playhouse and pond do not have to be removed -- 9:25.
15. Discussion of suggestion to retain an independent expert to assess tree removal applications -- 9:40.
16. Introduction of amendment to Town Code requiring the Town to follow similar procedures as residents when removing Town trees -- 9:55.
17. Introduction of Building Code amendment changing the size and number of building plans required for consideration by Town Council -- 10:05.
18. Action on contract for snow removal from streets and sidewalks for next three winters -- 10:10.
19. New business -- 10:15.

Classifieds

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TUTORING. My daughter Meg is available for tutoring students in grades 2-7 starting in September. She is Lab School certified and is currently working on her Masters in Special Ed/Learning Disabilities at American U. For more information, call Sue Edson at 301-657-8393 or, if no answer, 301-951-3916

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