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Mayor's Den

By Walter Behr

Town Hall To Be Closed for 3 Months

Work on the failing foundation of the Town Hall is scheduled to start shortly after the Town Council meeting on January 2 and last about three months. The contractor on the \$125,900 job is Select Contractors of Frederick. During this period, the temporary Town office will be a small trailer in the tennis courts parking lot, so we expect to conduct Town business as usual, using our regular telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

While the Town Hall is out of commission, we hope to conduct Council meetings, charettes, candidates' forum and the Town election at Somerset School.

At the Council meeting on January 2, **in the Town Hall**, I expect the Council to set dates for three public charettes to refine options for swimming pool complex and Town Hall improvements. We cannot set a date for the candidates' forum until Council candidates are nominated at the Council meeting on February 5.

Arrangements for reserving school space are not made with the school, but with the County Office of Community Use of Public Facilities in Rockville. We will, of course, keep you informed of dates and places as soon as they are confirmed.

My Pool and Town Hall Vision

Now that we have taken the first step to save the Town Hall by contracting to fix the foundation, I hope we will proceed posthaste to authorize rebuilding the swimming pool bathhouse before the temporarily reinforced pump room ceiling collapses.

As mentioned above, I expect the next step to be a series of three charettes, which will be intensive, give-and-take sessions with our architects leading to agreement on design of both pool and Town Hall projects.

My preference for the pool is a new bathhouse on the existing site, a rain shelter for 200, a number of upgrades to the wading pool, a wider walkway on the east side of the pool to accommodate tables and chairs, a new set of steps from the walkway to the pool deck and a new arrangement for storing trash. The cost will approach \$2.4 million (options 1G, 5 and 6 in architects' executive summary which is an insert to this Town Journal and is available on the Town website). We can comfortably afford this using a portion of our \$2.5 million surplus and borrowing the rest.

The Town Hall needs many improvements in addition to a new foundation, but they are less urgent than the bathhouse upgrades. My list includes a new handicap accessible meeting room half again the size of the existing one, a usable second floor, sprinkler system, a new kitchen and second restroom, improved access from the parking lot and, of course, a restored exterior.

Let's agree on a master plan, but move ahead promptly to improve the pool complex.

Town Income Looks Good

As we have mentioned from time to time, about two-thirds of our Town revenue is comprised of rebates from the State of a portion of Maryland income tax paid by Somerset residents. The Comptroller has just sent us figures from individual income tax returns filed for calendar year 2005.

Net taxable income of the 414 Somerset households in 2005 was almost \$119 million, up over 11 percent from the \$107 million reported for the previous year.

Remittances from Annapolis come irregularly, but we are optimistic that our budget estimate for Fiscal Year 2007, which ends next June 30, will be met or exceeded.

Sledding Is Safe in Somerset

If you are new in Town, you will be pleased to know that after every snowfall of two inches or more, a portion of Cumberland Avenue, beginning at Surrey Street, is left unplowed and is blocked off for sledding. The fun continues a second day if conditions permit.

Following are rules, which will be posted at the top and bottom of the slope:

- Children Sledding – Drive Carefully!
- Be courteous to those who live on Cumberland.
- Respect parked cars and private property.
- Vehicles: Enter from top of hill and depart downhill.

Devon Lane becomes one-way from Cumberland to Dorset. Vehicles are not permitted to enter Devon (the alley) from Dorset since they would have to go uphill to reach most of the houses on Cumberland.

Sledding on Cumberland is an old Somerset tradition. Enjoy!

Serious Changes in Friendship Heights

By the time you receive this Town Journal, the sidewalk in front of the Hecht's site and the Metro entrance there will be closed as demolition of the old department store gets underway. Both the sidewalk and Metro entrance will remain shut until the entire project is completed in about two years. By that time, the Metro entrance will have a roof and Wisconsin Avenue will have an additional southbound lane and a new median with trees.



Also before you read this, old style Metro (WMATA) buses will again be operating out of the open-air terminal off of Wisconsin Circle, in accordance with long established plans. County Ride-On buses are already there. The problem of new, higher Metro buses with batteries on natural gas tanks on top not fitting under the bus station roof has been resolved, but only for two years. By that time, most Metro buses will be the new, higher variety. Engineers are studying the possibility of raising the station roof. There is also some very preliminary talk of moving the terminal to the Metro garage on Jenifer Street.

Two other recent improvements in the vicinity are the crosswalk on Wisconsin near the Barlow Building and the Mazza Gallerie Metro entrance.

Somerset residents who walk to Metro will probably want to cross Wisconsin and use the entrance on the northeast corner of Wisconsin and Western Avenues. Those getting a lift will have a choice between that entrance and the refurbished one in the Mazza Gallerie.

Towns Want Authority to Purchase Streetlights



When the Maryland General Assembly convenes in January, towns and cities across the State will be pushing for legislation to allow local governments to purchase their streetlights from utility companies - in our case, Pepco. If this effort succeeds, it could save taxpayer dollars, enhance reliability and safety, and allow Somerset and other towns and cities to choose more efficient equipment than that offered by the power companies.

A big potential advantage of the proposed legislation would be better maintenance. It often takes weeks for Pepco to replace burned out lamps. I share the view of municipal officials throughout the State that competition would help solve the problem.

If you observe a street light out in Somerset, please call Pepco at 1-877-737-2662, as listed under Other Important Numbers on the last page of your Town Directory. Also, kindly call or e-mail the Town office so that we can follow up on the request.

Calendar

Tuesday, January 2 – Town Council Meeting
Sunday, January 7 – Somerset School's Rededication Ceremony
Wednesday, January 10 – Christmas Tree pick-up
Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2007
Thursday, January 18 – Town Journal Deadline Ads and Copy
Monday, January 29 – MVA Mobile Office in Friendship Heights
Monday, February 5 – Town Council Meeting
Monday, February 5 – Nomination for Town Council members

*Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar.
 Go to 17H www.townofsomerset.com and click on "Calendar"*

A Power Outage Could Happen

Somerset has been fortunate not to have had a major electric power outage for many months. Part of the reason for this is that we spend about \$60,000 a year to maintain street and park trees, reducing the chance of dead limbs or uprooted trees breaking power lines. Another reason is good luck, but in case the good luck ends, here are a few reminders of how to prepare for an electric power disruption.

- Have flashlights, fresh batteries, a battery-powered radio and/or television set and a battery-powered clock on hand.

- Keep important phone numbers handy, including Pepco's outage reporting number 1-877-Pepco-62 (1-877-737-2662). Use a land-line phone with a cord, or a cell phone, since cordless phones require electricity.
- If you use candles, never leave them unattended and make sure children and pets do not knock them over.
- Keep at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and bottled water on hand and have a hand-operated can opener available.
- Store extra blankets and sleeping bags.
- Close drapes at night. Keep them open during the day.
- Be sure to have a first-aid kit and a supply of prescription drugs.

If someone in your home uses life-support equipment that requires electricity to operate, call Tom Carter or me, and we will arrange to accommodate the person in the Town Hall, where we have a gas-operated generator.

Holiday Greetings ...

From the Council, staff and Mayor.

Although we will be operating out of a small trailer for several months while the Town Hall foundation is being rebuilt, we will try our darnedest to operate the government closest to you as efficiently and pleasantly as we possibly can.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

HOLIDAY GREETINGS from the staff at Town Hall -- Tom Carter, Corrie Morsey, Enrique Cabrera, Angel Alba and Tomas Villanueva.

Town Directory

Due to a scheduling problem with our printer, the 2007 Town Directory will be mailed with the January edition of the *Town Journal*.

Lost

Maria Haywood may have lost her cell phone in the 4500 block of Dorset Avenue on the night of December 5. If you have found one, please call her at (301) 656-6133.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be picked up by J&J on Wednesday, January 10. This is the only day for pickup this year. J&J will make only one pass through Town that day, so be sure to have your tree at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. Trees must be free of tinsel, lights and ornaments, removed from any bases or stands, and not in plastic bags.



Sidewalk Clearing

Residents are reminded that our contractor will clear Town sidewalks only after a 2-inch accumulation of snow occurs. Residents are still responsible for clearing accumulations of less than two inches and sanding for ice.

Leaf Season Ends



If the weather cooperates, we expect to end leaf collection season on December 29. We will, however, pick up any leaves that are raked to the curb by this date, even if we don't get to them until after January 1. In the spring, we will reseed any areas of grass that may have died from the piles of leaves before they were picked up. The way to get rid of any remaining leaves is to put them in your mulch pile or at the curb on Tuesdays in paper bags or reusable containers.

Broadcast E-mails Bounce Back to Town Office

When sending Town broadcast e-mails we receive several returns, sometimes from full accounts, but more often from bad addresses. In checking these, we have discovered residents who have changed their e-mail addresses and not informed us. Our policy is to delete these bad addresses.

Please remember to notify the Town Hall if you change e-mail addresses so you will continue to receive these informational and emergency e-mails.

Last Chance for 2007 Calendars

2007 League of Women Voters calendars are still available at the Town Hall for \$6, or call Nancy Soreng at (301) 986-1916.

MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in Friendship Heights on Monday, January 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Permits Granted

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

Trees: Patrick and Vicki Malone, 4901 Essex Avenue, to remove a huge, uprooted mulberry tree in their front yard.

Fences: J. Richard and Melba Carr, 5528 Trent Street, to replace the wood fence in their side yard.

Legislation

At the December 4 meeting, the Council:



1. Approved a resolution granting a non-exclusive franchise to Verizon Maryland, Inc. to install and operate a cable communications system within the Town of Somerset. (Vote: Frankel, Kessler, Simmons and Slavin for; Eldridge opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
2. Approved a Town Code amendment to lower Town speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph.
3. Took no action on a Town Code amendment to add 2-HOUR parking restriction to Cumberland Avenue from Warwick Lane to property line between 4715 and 4719.
4. Approved a Town Code amendment to increase authority of Clerk-Treasurer, under direct supervision of Mayor, to make non-emergency purchases or sign contracts, from \$1,000 to \$2,500 without approval of the Council.

Council Activity

At the December 4 meeting, the Council:

1. Confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Joan Rabinor to the Swimming Pool Committee for a term ending in September 2008, replacing Jamie Heller, who resigned.
2. Confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Ellie Fink to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2009.
3. Approved the landscaping plan of Cindy and Michael Yuffee, 5524 Trent Street.
4. Approved the landscaping plan of Ellen Globokar and Robert Chlopak, 4919 Dorset Avenue.
5. Postponed until the January meeting the applications by John Wittstadt, 5514 Uppingham Street, to demolish the existing house, construct a 2½-story house with attached one-car garage, change the location of the curb cut and remove three trees because a tree removal application had not been filed.
6. Approved the plans, dated August 22, 2006, of Ruth Lis and Mark Perlis, 4518 Dorset Avenue, to renovate their front portico and utility room entrance.
7. Set dates for nominations of three Council members for two-year terms on Monday, February 5, and for elections on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Monday, March 26, was set for swearing in the new Town Council.
8. Set the dates of the April and September 2007 Council meetings on Tuesday, April 10, and Tuesday, September 4.
9. Discussed online communications options and agreed to establish Mayor and Council members' e-mail address through the Town's e-mail system.
10. Set tennis fees for the 2007 season at \$5 per household.
11. Approved the Dorset Avenue/Warwick Place intersection for a trial use of rumble strips, the cost of which was approved at the November meeting.
12. Discussed the Swimming Pool Committee's proposed budget for FY07 and FY08.
13. Approved an agreement authorizing Montgomery County as agent of the Town to administer franchise with Verizon Maryland, Inc. to operate a cable communications system within the Town of Somerset.
14. Approved the bid of Select Contractors of \$125,900 to repair the Town Hall foundation. (Vote: Frankel, Kessler and Simmons for; Eldridge and Slavin opposed. Motion passed 3-2.)
15. Approved an increase in the Town Attorney's rate from \$240 to \$260 an hour.
16. Agreed with Lesley Simmons' suggestion to see if she could obtain group rates at any local facilities for Somerset residents interested in year-round swim and exercise programs.



At the December 4 executive session, the Council discussed personnel issues.

Local Election Lowdown

Voters will Select Three Council Members March 20

Election Day for the Town of Somerset is Tuesday, March 20, for three Council members. Incumbents Tom Eldridge and Richard Kessler have decided to run. Judy Frankel will not because she will be moving to Maine, to be with her family. At the Town Council meeting on February 5, nominations for the incumbents and other candidates will be accepted for the two-year terms. Additional nominations may be made by petition of 20 registered voters filed with the Clerk-Treasurer no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, February 27.

The Town Charter requires its elected officials to be:

- citizens of the United States;
- residents of Somerset for at least 18 months preceding the election; and
- qualified voters in the State of Maryland.

Registration Day is February 5

A member of the Board of Elections will be at the Somerset School on Monday, February 5, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. to register new voters. In addition, Town residents may register at the Town Hall trailer Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by mail (call Tom Carter, (301) 657-3211, to mail the registration form to you). The deadline to register for the March 20 election is 4:30 p.m. on March 6. If you are currently registered in Montgomery County, you are eligible to vote in the Town of Somerset.

- Qualifications for voting in the Town of Somerset are:
- Be at least 18 years old by March 20, 2007;
- Be a resident of Somerset for 14 days preceding the election (actual residency is required except for individuals absent from the Town only temporarily and intending to return, such as students, military and other overseas government employees);
- Be a citizen of the United States or an alien legally authorized to reside in the country; and
- Be registered to vote in the Town of Somerset and/or Montgomery County.

If you have any questions about whether you are registered in the Town or know former residents who are still registered in Somerset, call Tracy Truman, chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, at (301) 652-4596.

Council E-mails Go Generic

By Gayley Knight, Town Webmaster

Over this past year, your Town Council has implemented changes to how residents and Council communicate. One of these, official Town e-mails for Council members, will go into effect with this issue of the Town Journal. Until now, Council members have used their personal e-mail accounts to conduct Town-related business.

Now, each Council member and our Mayor have their personal Town of Somerset e-mail addresses, which residents should use to send emails and that Council members will use to reply to residents. They are:

mayor@townofsomerset.com

council@townofsomerset.com

rkessler@townofsomerset.com

jslavin@townofsomerset.com

lsimmons@townofsomerset.com

teldridge@townofsomerset.com

jfrankel@townofsomerset.com (Judy would prefer residents continue to e-mail her at jbfrankel@aol.com until April 2007).

The address council@townofsomerset.com will reach all Council members, while the individual named addresses will be delivered to and read by only the Council member to whom it is addressed.

Please add these to addresses to your e-mail address books. Official Town e-mails will be easier to access and to share -- making it simpler for each of us to reach out and touch someone.

On My Mind

by Council member Jeffrey Slavin

It is during Council sessions that I usually decide what topics to discuss in these messages to the Town, and the December meeting was no exception, although this month I want to bring up two issues instead of one--briefly.

First, I want to say while I am completely committed to the restoration of the Town Hall, I did not feel it was necessary to repair the foundation immediately so I voted against the proposal to approve such a contract. True, the Council has been informed that the building is in terrible shape and is in fact "sinking." But it is my hope that we can make a decision on the entire project in the next several months and do the whole thing at one time. I am concerned that

the Town's operating schedule will now be interrupted twice. And I also wanted to use my vote to make a statement that I do not agree with the schedule proposed by the Mayor to do the foundation, then the Pool House, then the street work and finally the Town Hall. As I have said often, we need to make decisions about both Town properties at the same time and proceed from there and we shouldn't put off the Town Hall. And with good budgeting and some borrowing from a bank, I hope we can do the project with minimal impact on citizens' pocketbooks.

We also made the decision without knowing the availability of alternative meeting space for the monthly sessions, charrettes, candidates' forum and election coming up in 2007.

I was grateful for the input of two Somerset resident/architects Bill Brenner and Bruce Lawson who worked many hours on securing this contract and lowering the price. And while I was on the losing end of the vote, it is the democratic way for me to now support the decision and make the best of it.

The other issue I want to discuss is the possibility of Somerset sponsoring a blog to promote a greater opportunity for comment on all the actions that we take. For years I have been an advocate of doing everything we can to increase communication between the Town government and its residents.

However, in this case, there was a test blog done earlier this year which generated little interest. For this, and a few other reasons, at this time I have come to the conclusion that any blog that we would have would have lots of competition for people's time with similar blogs that have more glamorous or urgent topics. I would not be opposed to anyone who starts their own blog, but Council sponsorship would be too complicated. And so for now I will be happy if residents step up their use of more traditional ways to communicate with us--the telephone, fax, e-mail, and most importantly, coming to council sessions, committee meetings and Town sponsored events. If you don't agree, please let me know through one of those outlets!

Residents' Letters

From Carol Jason (Warwick)

I live on Warwick Place backing to Town parkland. Occasionally we have deer coming into our yard -- they eat our plants and are a nuisance. But an even worse problem is Somerset residents who allow their dogs to run unleashed in the park.

Today I saw two deer being chased by a black Labrador. While it is interesting to see, it is an accident waiting to happen. I fear that a dog will chase the deer into the street where they could hit a car.

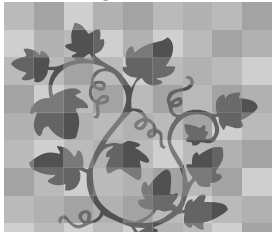
Someone could get killed!

Somerset/Montgomery County's law requires dogs to be on a leash at all times. Please don't let them run loose in the park.

Dogs off of a leash are trouble and they are against the law.

Gardeners Corner – The Ubiquitous English Ivy

by Janet Fernandez PNRC Committee Member



Having seen the shocking hold that English Ivy has made upon our park lands the Parks and Natural Resources Committee (PNRC) felt that a tip of two about the perils of ivy was in order. Despite the rather romantic look of an ivy covered tree, remember that the vine can harbor unwanted pests and plant diseases, can add weight to tree limbs making them more vulnerable to wind and snow damage, and can reach the flowering stage after which the dark blue seeds ingested by birds are spread far and wide. Another source of the infestation was the dumping of garden trash in the woods years ago. Always put ivy clippings into household trash to be destroyed.

Town Tennis Tournament: And the winners are...

by Steven G. Shapiro,

Participation in the 2006 Somerset tennis tournament was impressive and we invite all residents to play and to give an even stronger show in 2007. We hope to include doubles in the spring and singles in the fall.

The men's champion is Rodd Macklin (Dorset) who defeated Mark Levine (Trent) in 3 sets. The women's champion is Sonia Jimenez (Cumberland), who defeated Mary Barton Dock (Falstone) in 3 sets. Congratulations!



Year-round Swimming and Exercise Opportunities

by Lesley Simmons

During the discussions about the future of our facilities, it became clear that a number of residents are interested in year-round swimming and other fitness opportunities. Whatever the final decision may be on Somerset's facilities it will most likely be two more years before we have completed renovations. Therefore, I approached two nearby facilities: the YMCA on Old Georgetown Road and Bethesda Health and Sport to see if they would consider some kind of group rate for Somerset residents. Both facilities offer year-round swimming and an impressive array of sports and exercise opportunities, which you can check out at their respective websites: for the Y visit <http://www.ymcasilverpring.org/YMCA-Bethesda-Chevy-Chase.aspx> and for Bethesda Health and Sport visit www.sportandhealth.com then click on "locations" then click on "Bethesda")

The Y offers to drop the initiation fee if Somerset has 5 or more new memberships (individual or family).

Bethesda Sports and Health offers to give us a presentation on their facility and activities and, based on the amount of resident interest, will work out a group deal for us.

I would be happy to facilitate group membership/s if enough neighbors are interested. Please drop me a line if you would like to pursue either option at lsimmons@townofsomerset.com

An Invitation to Somerset Elementary School's Rededication Ceremony

by Iona Klayman

We would like to invite all current students and their families, as well as Somerset alumni and families in the surrounding communities to a celebration and rededication of our new school on Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by some of our 5th grade musicians and singers. Local dignitaries and school board members will attend, and we will recognize those volunteers who gave many hours toward the rebuilding of our school.

Please mark your calendars to help us celebrate!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2007

by Council member Jeffrey Slavin

On Monday, January 15, I will be leading a group of Somerset residents to participate in Montgomery County's Day of Service and Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The event will include service projects from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the Conference Center and the tribute will be held at Strathmore at 4:00 p.m. Please join us and perhaps we can all take the Metro. Call me at (301) 654-6767 or email jslavin@townofsomerset.com if you would like to participate.

The projects will be similar to those we do at the Town Hall on our own Community Service Day---making bag lunches for the homeless, making fish ornaments out of CD's for seniors, creating memory books for hospice centers, etc.

County News

In addition to the January 15 Service Day activities honoring Dr. King, which Somerset will participate in (see Jeffrey Slavin's article above) the County is sponsoring: "Honor the Dream: Live the Legacy," an evening tribute to Dr. King at The Music Center at Strathmore from 4:00 -6:00 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., and the event will feature Montgomery County historic church Gospel Choirs and Praise Teams and the presentation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and the Children of the Dream Award. These annual awards recognize county residents who have demonstrated a commitment to perpetuating the goals and ideas communicated by Dr. King.

Tickets are free and available online at www.strathmore.org and in person or by mail request at the Strathmore Ticket Office only. Tickets will not be available by phone.

NIH Blood Bank Urgently Needs Type O Blood

Several very ill patients have required large quantities of Type O blood, which has severely depleted the inventory. If you are a Type O blood donor, please call (301) 496-1048 to make an appointment to donate blood at the Blood Bank (Department of Transfusion Medicine), located on the first floor of the Clinical Center, Building 10, on the NIH main campus in Bethesda. Walk-in donors are also welcome. The NIH Blood Bank is open Tuesday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Free parking is available adjacent to the Blood Bank entrance.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2007 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes of December 4 regular meeting and executive session – 7:30.
2. Discussion of financial report – 7:35.
3. Action authorizing payment of \$100 annual dues to Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights for 2007 – 7:40.
4. Fact finding hearing and action on applications by John Wittstadt, 5514 Uppingham Street, to demolish the existing house and construct a 2½-story house with attached one-car garage, change the location of his curb cut and remove three trees – 7:45.
5. Action on application by Laura Will and Joe Lipscomb, 4722 Dorset Avenue, to remove five trees – 7:55.
6. **Action on Phase II of the agreement with O'Neil & Manion to perform the following architectural services for the Town: – 8:05.
 - (1) Hold three public charettes to refine the options specified by the Town Council on October 30 for the swimming pool and Town Hall sites;
 - (2) Determine the spatial requirements, spatial relationships, equipment needs and location for each option;
 - (3) Check to ensure that the results meet County zoning and environmental requirements; and
 - (4) Develop a master plan and schedule for building the various elements of the plan.
7. Mayor's report – 8:20.
8. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset – 8:30.
9. Suggestions and questions from residents – 8:40.
10. Discussion of 2006 swimming pool financial report – 8:50.
11. Action on 2007 swimming pool management contract – 9:00.
12. Introduction of proposed amendment to Town Code Chapter 7, Utility Line Construction – 9:10.
13. Introduction of amendment to Town Code Chapter 2 to expand purpose, policies and procedures of Town Journal – 9:30.
14. Action to increase authorization of \$4,000 to \$7,000 for Bruce Lawson to include permits for Town Hall foundation work and trailer plus printing and miscellaneous expenses – 9:40.
15. New business – 9:50.

16. Adjournment – 9:55.

Items marked ** have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.

This is a preliminary agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two weeks prior to the next Town Council meeting. During this period there will likely be changes to the timing of items, and some items may be added or deleted. Please consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town web site for the most up-to-date agenda.

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