



SOMERSET TOWN JOURNAL



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Mayor's Den

By Walter Behr



Sign up for Flu and Pneumonia Shots

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Town Hall Friday, October 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In order to prevent long

delays, we are again asking residents to sign for a specific quarter-hour time slot. Call the Town Hall (301-657-3211) and specify whether you want a flu shot only, a pneumonia shot or both.

The cost is \$35 per flu vaccination, \$55 for a pneumonia shot, payable preferably by check. Cash will be accepted if necessary (exact change, please), but no credit cards. If you are a senior on Medicare, there is no charge for either shot, provided you are not a member of an HMO and Medicare is your primary medical coverage. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD WITH YOU.**

Again this year, shots will be administered by MedStar Health Visiting Nurse Association. They recommend flu shots for those –

- 50 and older;
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season, which usually peaks in March;
- Household and out-of-home caretakers for pre-kindergarten children;
- Personnel who have contact with patients in hospital or outpatient settings, including medical emergency response workers.

Who should get a pneumonia shot? MedStar VNA says anyone who wants to reduce the risk of getting pneumonia, especially those over 65 and individuals with chronic illnesses. Some experts say it may be best to get the shot before age 65 since the younger you are, the better the results. One shot lasts most individuals a lifetime. My suggestion is to check with your physician before signing for a pneumonia vaccination. If you do opt for both shots, one is in each arm.

For reliable immunization information, go to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or call 1-800-232-4636.

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Calendar

Monday, September 24	Mobile MVA in Friendship Heights
Sunday, September 30	Back to School Classic
Monday, October 1	Town Council Meeting
Saturday, October 6	BCCRS Open House
Thursday, October 18	Journal deadline ads and copy
Saturday, October 20	Hazardous Waste Disposal
Friday, October 26	Town Flu and Pneumonia Shots
Monday, November 5	Town Council Meeting
Saturday, November 17	Hazardous Waste Disposal

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

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New Property Tax Credit Program

Some Somerset residents, especially those 70 and older, may qualify for a property tax credit if their annual household income is less than \$64,000 and their net worth, excluding house and lot, does not exceed \$200,000. Net worth calculation must include the cash value of IRAs and qualified retirement savings plans. In order to be considered, the applicant must live in the house more than six months of the tax year.

Actually, there are three homeowner property tax credit programs for Montgomery County residents, but there is a single application form, which is processed by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation in Baltimore. Somerset residents will not qualify for the State program since it is based on properties with an assessed value of no more than \$300,000. The two Montgomery County plans are more liberal, based on household income (maximum \$64,000), net worth (\$200,000) and age (70 and over).

Deadline for filing was recently extended to October 31. For more information or to apply, call 1-800-944-7403. It is easiest to get through on Thursdays and Fridays. The program Web site is <http://www.dat.state.md.us>.

A Different Way to Get Around Town

No, the golf cart you may have seen on a Somerset street was not heading to a secret golf course in Vinton Park, but, very likely, to the swimming pool.

It uses no gasoline, is fun to drive and easy to park. But, several neighbors have inquired, is it legal?

Golf carts are legal when driven on neighborhood streets with low speed limits. They may not be operated on Little Falls Parkway nor, of course, Wisconsin Avenue or River Road. The operator must have a valid regular driver's license although license tags are not issued for



the carts. There are no rules for seat belts or passengers.

A.C., Fence Replacements Require Permits

A new Town ordinance regarding permits for air conditioners and an amendment last year on the subject of permits for fences make this a logical time to recap Town and County permit requirements for air conditioners and fences.

- **Air conditioners, heat pumps and generators that are part of a new house or remodeling project.** Included in County and Town building applications and permits.
- **Air conditioners, heat pumps and generators that are not part of a construction job.** County and Town permits are required.
- **New fences.** County and Town fence permits are mandated whether or not the fence is part of a new house or remodeling job.
- **Replacement fences.** A County permit is not required, but a Town permit is.
- **Fence repairs.** Neither a County nor a Town permit is required. But where do you draw the line between repair and replacement? Generally, if half or more of a fence is worn out, the new fence is considered a replacement. In this case you don't need a County permit, but a Town permit is required.

All of this is not as complicated as it may seem. If you are in doubt about what permit is required by whom, please feel free to call Tom Carter or me at the Town Hall.

Permits Granted

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

Trees:

Josh Rozen, 5525 Uppingham Street, to remove a huge, dead tree in his front yard.

Adam Levitin, 5529 Trent Street, to remove a rotting and leaning dogwood in his back yard.

Franny Peale, 5521 Uppingham Street, to remove a failing, two-trunk hemlock in her back yard.

Fences:

Sherry and Rohit Khanna, 5528 Uppingham Street, to erect a wrought-iron fence along both sides from the house to the existing fences.



Crime Update

The most recent crimes and van-

dalism in and near Somerset were an attempted burglary, gunshots from a moving automobile, a car break-in and a shattered car window. All incidents have been reported to the police.

Here are some details:

- Between 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 6, someone damaged the front door of a house in the 4800 block of Dorset Avenue in an apparent effort to break in. The only one at home at the time was a teenage daughter who was awakened by the barking of the family dog. This may explain why there was no entry. The mother returned at 10:30 a.m. and saw a landscape worker in a truck across the street. He imme-

diately drove away. Police responded promptly. An alarm system, normally activated only at night, will now be turned on during the day.

- Two white males were walking and exiting off of the Capital Crescent Trail near Dorset Avenue on Thursday, August 16. As they stood in a nearby grassy field, a vehicle approached slowly on Little Falls Parkway, stopped and from the rear passenger side, the victims observed a black automatic firearm extend from the window and fire shots as they fled the area back down the trail towards Bethesda. Neither victim was struck. One of the victims professed to be a member of a criminal street gang. His membership has not been confirmed, and no leads have been developed as to this incident being gang related. The vehicle was described as a 90s Lincoln town car.
- Residents of a house in the 4700 block of Dorset who were victims of two burglaries in the past several years were again hit on Friday, August 17. A car parked in the driveway had a window smashed and books stolen from inside.
- During the night of Sunday, September 9, a rear window was shattered by vandals in an old car parked in front of a house in the 5500 block of Surrey Street. Nothing of value was visible in the vehicle.



We Are Losing More Trees

By Corrie Morsey

The Town arborist has recommended removal of six trees. Two of the trees have advanced stages of Hypoxylon canker, which cannot be treated. Both are pin oaks. One, #143, is on

Dorset Avenue between the Wisconsin Avenue entrance and 4507 Dorset. The other, #786, is located on the Warwick Place side of 4700 Essex Avenue. Another oak on Warwick Place (side of 4701 Falstone) is in rapid decline and borers are attacking its trunk. It is a red oak, #762. A Norway maple, #351, in front of 4921 Essex Avenue, has experienced considerable dieback. A cherry tree, #673, located at 5529 Trent Street, is a small weak tree, with extensive trunk decay, exacerbated by considerable drought stress, and has also been recommended for removal. Finally, an amur maple, #829, between the Town Hall and garage, is the victim of Verticillium wilt and has been slated for removal. It has slowly been

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**Crime Update Reminder:
Lock Your Car and Bicycle!**

Town Hall Tidbits | By Tom Carter



Noise Ordinance

If you have a contractor working at your home, please remind

him that Monday, October 8 is a Federal holiday observed by the Town and our noise restrictions are observed. Work may not start before 9 a.m.

Special Trash Pickup

The Town Council has authorized a special trash collection Friday, October 12, at Town expense. Those wishing to participate need only notify Tom at Town Hall



no later than October 10. This will be your reservation for the special collection service by our contractor, J&J Inc.

Special trash should not be placed at the curb earlier than the night before the collection. Special trash is defined as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, freezers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances; furniture or parts thereof; large toys, bicycles, swing sets (broken down into smaller parts); bathtubs, sinks, and toilets; and iron pipe, gutters/down spouts or fence pieces under six feet long. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners must be emptied of Freon in order to be picked up. If items are in bundles, they

must be light enough for two men to carry.

Items that will not be picked up include: parts of junked cars, boats or trailers (including batteries and tires); loose glass; firewood, tree stumps, tree limbs or lumber; paint cans; flammable or hazardous liquids or solids; ammunition or explosives; large rocks; and dead animals.

Collection will start at 7:00 a.m., so be sure to have your items out early that morning or the night before.

Leaf Collection



Vacuuming of leaves piled on the grass near the curb will begin in mid- to late October and continue through December. Due to violations of leaf dumping at the pool upper parking lot by lawn

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dying for the past several years. Another amur maple planted at the same time succumbed to Verticillium wilt several years ago. These trees, along with all Town trees public areas, are on a regular feeding and preventative maintenance schedule. Sometimes the best of care cannot prevent disease, decay and decline. With the exception of the tree in the Town Hall yard, replacements will be planted once the trees are removed the stumps ground down.

Planting New Street Trees

By Corrie Morsey

The Town plans to replace several trees this fall. Following are tree types and planting locations for new trees:

- 1 American Yellowwood**
4511 Cumberland Avenue
- 1 Little Leaf Linden**
between Wisconsin entrance and 4507 Dorset Avenue
- 1 Red Sunset Red Maple**
4913 Falstone Avenue
- 2 Scarlet Oaks**
4711, 4815 Essex Avenue
- 4 Yoshino Cherry**
4800, 4803 Falstone Avenue; 5522, 5529 Trent Street
- 3 Willow Oak**
4819 Dorset Avenue; 2 in Vinton to the right of 5523 Warwick Place
- 8 Zelkova**
5510, 5515, 5602, 5807 Surrey Street; Surrey side 4725 Dorset Avenue; 2 on the Warwick side of 4701 Falstone Avenue; 5603 Warwick Place.

Sites of two possible tree removals this fall (we are awaiting Council approval) are complex. Reforestation probably will have to wait until 2008. The locations are 4913 Essex Avenue and the Warwick side of 4700 Essex Avenue.



Finally while a diseased cherry tree is being removed from 5518 Trent Street, drainage pipes in the ground will be compromised if a new tree is planted.

The yard and area have a dense tree canopy.

- Plant Trees -

service companies last year, only Town maintenance personnel will use the lot for leaf storage. The front gate to the pool will be locked at all times the men are not there dumping leaves they have removed from Town streets. Residents who use lawn service companies should arrange with them to either move leaves to the curb for Town pickup or remove the leaves for dumping outside of Town. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. KINDLY INFORM YOUR LAWN SERVICE OF THIS REQUEST.**

We also ask that you ensure the piles consist only of leaves - **NO STICKS, STONES, BRICKS OR OTHER DENSE OR SHARP DEBRIS.** These materials will damage the machinery blades.

We are following the same removal procedure as in the past. Each morning the maintenance men survey the Town streets and start vacuuming where the biggest piles exist. They then move on to the next biggest piles, and so on. Through streets will still be done regularly to keep the traffic moving smoothly.

Residents who prefer to bag their leaves or dispose of them in a mulch pile in their 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!**

Reminder to Dog Owners

The Town Code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever

the dog is not on your property and that you pick up the feces after your dog does its duty.

Please keep our sidewalks, parks and your neighbors' yards clean from dog messes. Fines of up to \$100 can be imposed! Dog droppings may be disposed of in the Town trash receptacles as long as they are double bagged to protect the collectors.



Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste may be dropped off at Silver Spring International Middle School, 313 Wayne Avenue (at Dale Drive), in Silver Spring on Saturday, October 20, or at Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Avenue (west of Little Falls Parkway), on November 17.

The following materials will be accepted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.: pesticides, oil-based paint, brake fluid, fuels, herbicides, solvents, antifreeze, photographic chemicals, paint thinners, motor oil, auto batteries and household batteries.



PLEASE NO LATEX PAINT:

Tens-of-thousands of tax-dollars are spent each year disposing of latex paint, which

is not hazardous. In fact, latex paint can be safely dried up and put out for regular refuse collection. Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans that are one-fourth or less full will dry in a few days. For cans with greater

volume, add mulch, cat litter, shredded paper, or Waste Paint Hardener available at area hardware stores.

For more information, call 240-777-6410 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste.

Town Directory: New Listings and Updates

It's time for us to begin working on the 2008 Town Directory. If you are new to Somerset or if you wish to amend your family's entry, please send us an email containing the information you wish to be included in your listing. You can use the format in the current directory as your guideline; otherwise, we suggest you consider including the following as applicable:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please provide the information in an email not later than 11/21/07, which hopefully will ensure the accuracy of the listing. Our email address is: clerk@townofsomerset.com.

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

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On My Mind

By Council member Jeffrey Slavin

At the most recent Council

meeting, I was impressed with the presentation made by the County's chief traffic engineer. It now seems clearer to me that many of the decisions that we ultimately make on traffic calming will be based on traffic science rather than public opinion.

Second, it is becoming more apparent that the Town will sooner rather than later have to have in place a

residential permit parking program. As the Friendship Heights area gets more urbanized and built up, commuters are going to find Somerset to be a parking oasis as we are not enforcing the two hour limit. And since we will always want to allow our own residents and their legitimate guests to park as needed, we will have no choice but to have a way for enforcement folks to identify each car's ownership—thus a permit program.

I have a lot of experience in this area from my days on the staff of a DC councilmember. We must be careful when we codify the program to ensure that there is little chance of abuse. We must examine the burden that this program will have on our

residents, who frequently change cars and house occupants. And because we are talking about the Town registering at least 1000 cars at a time, we must carefully examine the impact on the staff and be prepared to hire additional staff, which of course will have an impact on the budget.

Finally, I applaud a statement that a neighbor made at the meeting when we were talking about speeding and stop-sign violations. He reminded the group that "It's us, too" and that too many of the violators are coming from our own ranks. All of us town residents must strive to do better about changing our driving habits.

The 20th Annual Back-to-School Classic To Be Run September 30

By Ginny Biggar



Somerset Elementary's **Back-to-School Classic** is 20 years old. Whether you run a 6 or 14 minute mile, please come on out on September 30!

Help us make this the biggest race yet. We know many of you have been involved as runners, volunteers, and spectators over the years. So please join the celebration.

SIGN UP at runwashington.com under Featured Races OR by looking for the link on the Somerset Elementary web page.

The **Back-to-School Classic** is possible in part because of the support of

so many of you in Somerset. Race organizers would like to thank Mayor Behr, Tom Carter, Corrie Morsey, and the Town Council for their help with race logistics and for their support on race day. A big thank you to Enrique Cabrera, Tomas Villanueva, and Angel Alba, who put up our banners and the tent each year.

We want to acknowledge Donna Evers of Evers and Co. Real Estate. She has been our title sponsor for 20 years. We literally could not have done it without her incredibly generous support over these many years.

Somerset resident Bonnie Lewin of Evers and Co. Real Estate is also a loyal race sponsor and supports Somerset Elementary in a variety of important ways. We'd also like to thank Town residents and race sponsors Nancy Scheiner of

Pediatric Occupational Therapy, Mark London of London and Mead Attorneys, Dr. James Stevens, DDS, and the Christopher Family. We have race day help from many of you. We'd especially like to thank committee chairs Dana Macher, Hedy Esfahanian-Behbenhani, Stacie Christopher, Missy Walker, Ruth and Rob Albert, and Jennie Litvack and Rob Satloff.

A huge thank you to Cumberland resident David Herbick, who has designed our unique and wonderful t-shirt for many years, and to State Senator Brian Frosh, who has emceed our Awards Ceremony for at least ten years.

See you on September 30 at 8:00 a.m. at the intersection of Dorset and Warwick!

- Good Luck Runners -

Residents' Letters



Announcing a New Blog

from Alan Proctor, Cumberland Avenue

At last, a way to respond effectively to what's printed in the Journal! I've finally done something about the concern I've had for years—that residents get one-side views of issues in the Town Journal. I've started my own blog. I'm using my blog to post reactions to items published in the Journal and other items under consideration by the Town Council. You can access the blog at: <http://alan.proctors.us/blog> and you can not only read my views, but post your own reactions. Also, if you use email and web portals with any frequency, consider "subscribing" to the "RSS feed" that this blog supports; this is really quick to do once you figure out how, and once done, you'll automatically see new items as they're posted.

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email addresses and not informed us. Our policy is to delete these bad addresses.

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

MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in Friendship Heights on Monday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2008 CALENDARS

2008 League of Women Voters calendars are available at the Town Hall for \$7, or call Nancy Soreng at 301-986-1916.

B-CC Rescue Squad Annual Open House

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, one of the nation's most advanced and best trained rescue squads, will hold its free annual Open House, "Rescue Day 2007," on Saturday, October 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine. Rescue Day 2007 is being held in conjunction with the Taste of Bethesda, the outdoor food festival held just two blocks away in Bethesda's restaurant district.

Rescue Day 2007 will feature fire and rescue activities and displays for all ages, including tours of the station; live demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue and firefighting equipment; free children's firefighter hats; and moonbounce. The Squad's most advanced firefighting equipment will be on display, including emergency vehicles and the thermal imaging camera that is used to help locate fire victims in blinding smoke. Also scheduled is a special visit by a helicopter used to transport critically injured patients to hospitals when time is of the essence. Another special treat will be "Rescue 15," the Squad's sleek 1972 Cadillac ambulance, which was the last Cadillac to serve in the Squad's fleet.

The Rescue Squad is located at 5020 Battery Lane, at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road. Parking is available at Montgomery County public parking garages within walking distance. For more information, visit www.bccrs.org, or call 301-652-0077.

Report from the Friendship Heights Transportation District Advisory Committee

By Council member Jeffrey Slavin, Committee Representative

Highlights from the September meeting include:

1. There has been a problem with bus access to the Friendship Heights station as newly purchased vehicles were too tall to enter. A retrofitting program is under way to adjust the exhaust system on top of the buses and alter the ceiling height. We were told that buses will again be able to enter the station before cold weather comes.
2. We were introduced to Captain Russell Hamill, the new commander of the 2nd District Police division. He stated that auto thefts are way up in our area; most are due to car owners failing to lock doors.
3. Work is progressing on erecting signs near the Metro exit that will let riders know where the taxi call button is located.
4. A certificate of appreciation from the County was presented to me for my predecessor, Howard Byron of Essex Avenue, for his outstanding service over the past six years.

What Are those Brown Fury Balls on the Some Essex Avenue Tree Leaves?

By Corrie Morsey

The Town Hall received a call from a concerned resident saying that oak



trees on Essex had a fungus. Upon inspection, it was determined that some of the oaks, noticeably

the younger ones, have galls. Enrique Cabrera and I took samples to American Plant Food to confirm the diagnosis. We were informed that these galls are generally produced by mites. They don't harm the tree and any type of insecticide applied to the trees could prove more harmful than beneficial. The galls will disappear when the leaves fall.

We sincerely appreciate the help of residents in looking after our trees. Please feel free to bring your concerns to our attention.



Classified Ads



Services

PIANO & FLUTE LESSONS (with THEORY). Cecelia Porter, Ph.D., musicologist. Washington Post music critic. 301-654-2165.

ACADEMIC TUTOR: 20 years experience teaching all ages, subjects. Math through Algebra II. Reading comprehension and writing. Test preparation, organizational/study skills. M.A. in Biology and Special Ed. Call Sheryl Gilbert, 301-656-1753.

THE LAWN LIZARDS cut lawns, trim edge, rototil, pull weeds, water plants and any other yard work you want us to do. Our names are Matthew Oxley and Cal Mesirov. To contact us for a reservation, you can email **BIGOmat@aol.com** or call 301-652-6446 or **dcunited527@aol.com** 301-652-4794.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE: My fantastic babysitter is available to babysit or assist with elderly care from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and all day Friday. Contact Ana Blandan at 302-871-5174. For references, call Sharon Spigelmyer (Warwick) at 202-533-1112.

OUR CLEANING WOMAN is looking for work and we highly recommend her. Call Bob Siegel at 301-961-9076.

Ads are printed as a courtesy to Town residents. The Town makes no representations as to quality, safety or otherwise regarding the goods and services advertised. Readers should make their own inquiries. To place an ad, submit typed or neatly printed copy to the Clerk-Treasurer. Ads must include a Somerset phone number.

Price: \$5 per advertisement per issue. Check or exact change. 50-word limit per advertisement.

Legislation

At the September 4 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved a Town Code amendment to require building permits for air conditioners, heat pumps and generators when no construction is involved.
2. Introduced a Town Code amendment to require the location of silt fences and super silt fences in applications for building permits.

Council Activity

At the September 4 meeting, the Town Council:



1. Approved a special trash pickup at Town expense on Friday, October 12, for residents who have large items that cannot go in the regular trash.
2. Confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of Richard Furcolo and appointment of Caroline Springer to the Swimming Pool Committee for three-year terms and appointment of Michelle Edson as chair for a one-year term.
3. Extended the police coverage through December. No-parking violations will be enforced only in **NO PARKING ANYTIME** zones and yellow zones, but not 2-hour or rush hour zones. (Vote: Eldridge, Shaul and Slavin for; Kessler opposed.)
4. Discussed limiting access to Somerset and other traffic calming possibilities with Emil Wolanin, Chief of Traffic Engineering/Operations, Montgomery County.
5. Approved a contract, dated August 17, 2007, with Balodemas Architects Chartered for \$22,000 to include a meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee for Year-Round Community Facilities to obtain design criteria for improvements to the pool complex and renovation of the Town Hall. (Vote: Eldridge, Kessler and Shaul for; Slavin opposed.)
6. Recommended approval to the Historic Preservation Commission and approved a Town building permit for Steve and Birdie Pieczenik, 4731 Essex Avenue, to construct a two-story addition to the north (Surrey Street) side of their house, subject to Historic Preservation Commission approval and receipt of a County permit and Town fees and deposit.
7. Approved a permit for Nancy Galler, 5712 Surrey Street, to remove four cryptomeria trees from her back yard.
8. Approved a six-month extension of the building permit of Shelton Zuckerman, 4911 Cumberland Avenue, to add a small two-story addition behind the garage, subject to receipt of the \$44 fee.
9. Approved the removal of Town tree #666 at 5518 Trent Street, a cherry declining from root girdling.
10. Set Monday, October 29, and Tuesday, November 13, for the first two public meetings with architect Lou Balodemas on renovation of the Town Hall and pool. Both will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.



Preliminary Agenda

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Monday, October 1, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the September 4 regular meeting – 7:30 p.m.
2. Confirmation of following appointments by Mayor to the Security Committee: First term (3 years) – Carolyn Bastian, Howard Byron and Torie Clarke; Reappointments (3 years) – Tom Bowles, Caroline Cooper and Janet Fernandez (Other members – Birdie Pieczenik, chair; Len Harris; Council member Tom Eldridge; alternate Council member Marnie Shaul) – 7:35 p.m.
3. Action on hiring a traffic engineer to develop a comprehensive plan for traffic control and safety throughout Town – 7:40 p.m.
4. Discussion of possibility of implementing parking permit program in Town – 7:55 p.m.
5. Update on plans to landscape berm on Deal Place – 8:15 p.m.
6. Presentation of Banner Town certificate by Maryland Municipal League President Stewart Cumbo and Executive Director Scott Hancock – 8:30 p.m.
7. Mayor's report – 8:40 p.m.
8. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset – 8:50 p.m.
9. Suggestions and questions from residents – 9:00 p.m.
10. Action on proposal to repair the pool bridge at cost of \$15,000 – 9:10 p.m.
11. Action authorizing County Department of Environmental Protection and their contractor to use a part of the swimming pool upper parking lot as a staging area for rock storage and parking a mini-excavator and skid steer loader in order to implement their creek erosion control plan – 9:20 p.m.
12. Fact finding hearing and action on application by Tom Eldridge, 5605 Warwick Place, to replace the stairs and pergola on his rear deck – 9:30 p.m.
13. **Action on recommendation by Mayor to remove the following Town trees: 2 pin oaks (#143, Dorset Avenue near Wisconsin entrance, and #786, Warwick side of 4700 Essex) with Hypoxylon canker; 1 red oak (#762, Warwick side of 4701 Falstone) in rapid decline and being attacked by borers; 1 Norway maple (#351, 4921 Essex) with considerable dieback; 1 cherry tree (#673, 5529 Trent) that is small and weak with extensive trunk decay; and 1 amur maple (#829, Town Hall yard) with Verticillium wilt – 9:40 p.m.
14. Action on contract for leaf removal from pool upper parking lot for this year at cost of \$19,766 – 9:50 p.m.
15. New business – 10:00 p.m.
16. Adjournment – 10:05 p.m.

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.

Residents who wish to be present for a particular agenda item are advised to arrive 15 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time as discussion sometimes run ahead of schedule.

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

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