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## Everyone Invited to Welcome Party For New Neighbors

The Town of Somerset is a wonderful place to live and is actively sought out by many house hunters. Over the past year, 17 new families have moved in. So, once again it is time for the **Annual Welcome Party**, where residents greet new neighbors who have moved in more recently.

This year it will take place at the **SOMERSET POOL** on Sunday, September 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the rear under the tent. Bring your children and your favorite CDs, and relax with a glass of wine or soda or other light refreshments provided by the Town.

At 5:00 p.m., Mayor Slavin will introduce the new residents while former Somerset resident and renowned puppeteer, **Nancy Edson**, of **Nanny Goat Productions**, will entertain the younger children with her puppet show **"3 Billy Goats Gruff in Switzerland."** There will be pool games for the older children.

Spread the word, you and your children won't want to miss the fun! Please call **Lyndsey Gerber** at 301-654-2984, **Laura Long** at 301-907-4843, or **Ann Brown** at 301-986-8811 if you have any questions or want to help with set-up and clean-up.

### Calendar

**Tuesday, August 26**  
Montgomery County Public Schools Begin

**Tuesday, September 2**  
Town Council Meeting

**Sunday, September 7**  
Welcome Party for New Neighbors

**Sunday, September 21**  
Back to School Classic 8-km Race

**Monday, September 22**  
MVA Mobile Office

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com) and click on "Town Calendar."

## Update on Bathhouse Renovation

By Marnie Shaul, Council member

On August 6, Somerset had a productive meeting with staff at the **Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission** (M-NCPPC). Approval from the M-NCPPC is the most important step the Town will need to accomplish in order to make improvements to the bathhouse. Many technical aspects of proceeding at the site were discussed, and the bottom line is that we will likely move forward on two tracks: one to obtain subdivision for the lot the pool is on (and perhaps other adjacent lots owned by the Town), and the second to obtain architectural and engineering (A&E) services.

The pool and bathhouse were built prior to many of the regulations Montgomery County currently has in place to protect the environment, and today we would not be allowed to build in the area. The deck and bathhouse are almost entirely in the stream valley buffer, which makes it an environmentally sensitive site. Staff of M-NCPPC gave us two principles to follow: don't increase the impervious surface (and a corollary is that a green roof would be good), and the "limit of disturbance" to the area should be no larger than the current impervious area. The second principle means that we shouldn't build right up to the current edge of impervious surface because that would likely disturb the adjacent ground.

At the September Town Council meeting the Council will consider hiring **VIKA, Inc.** to undertake the survey and other related work necessary to obtain subdivision from M-NCPPC in order to renovate/rebuild the bathhouse. VIKA is the





# On My Mind

## Municipal Power

By Mayor Jeffrey Z. Slavin

## Beware of Door to Door Solicitation

Town staff and I have had a number of conversations this month about problems with **door-to-door solicitors** in Somerset. Apparently we are not the only target, as there was an urgent email blast from Chevy Chase West about some similar incidents there. Some of the solicitors have been reported to be quite aggressive, and residents are frightened.

I have checked with Montgomery County Police Officer **Denise Gill** who does community policing for our District in order to get some basic facts. The law says that any person vending items for future delivery must be licensed by the County. It seems that vendors who are properly licensed must get a bond and a permit and must wear a picture ID on their outer garment. It is likely that not many of those who come to our doors are, in fact, licensed at all. These rules do not apply to children, such as Girl Scouts, and to those doing charity or political fundraising.

Because we are a town with many residents of means, it is natural that we are going to be attractive for such salespeople. But while we don't have the legal authority to prevent door-to-door solicitation, the advice of the police is that no one make any purchases and these vendors will eventually go away.

So, I would like to proclaim as a Town policy that we discourage this type of activity. I would like to ask everyone to spread the word. In addition, if you encounter a solicitor you feel might be breaking the law, gather as much information as you can and report it to the police.

Furthermore, while I am a supporter of many of the political and non-profit groups that come to our doors, I would suggest that most of our residents are not that enthusiastic about the doorbell ringing, even for them. Perhaps there are more effective ways to raise funds.

I do encourage neighbors to drop by and visit each other rather than using cell phones, and I am glad that so many of us are always available to lend the proverbial cup of sugar or to meet young people promoting their causes. But I want to make my purchases online or at retail stores.

### Bathroom Renovation from page 1

firm that performed a 2006 study at the site called **"Somerset Pool and Bathhouse: 100-Year Flood Estimation Study, Little Falls Stream Branch."** We may also consider soliciting bids for A&E services. The A&E firm would be expected to develop a design for the bathhouse that meets the criteria agreed upon earlier this year.

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Maxine Finkelstein, Editor

Deadline for ads and copy is September 17, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

# Legislation

## At the August 4 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Introduced a Town Code amendment to Section 9-202 (No Parking Zones) to add under Uppingham Street 17-foot section on the northwest side of the street between 5514 and 5516 Uppingham Street.

# Council Activity

## At the August 4 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 2 and July 7, 2008, meetings.
2. Authorized expenditure of up to \$3,000 to Balodemas Architects for additional services not covered in original contract for facilities renovation planning.
3. Postponed action on a new RFP for pool management in CY2009 and 2010 until the September meeting.
4. Amended the street repaving RFP to compress the time in which to be done to either April 1 to June 15 or August 1 to October 15, 2009.
5. Authorized payment of up to \$3,500 to repair the leaf machine.
6. Approved the application of Ellis Theodorakos, 4903 Falstone Avenue, to enclose his carport at 7 ft. side setback line.
7. Postponed action on renewal of Town membership in Montgomery Municipal Cable by contributing entire payment from County, which is based on number of Somerset cable subscribers, until the September meeting.
8. Approved a resolution authorizing the Somerset Elementary School PTA's request to close the River Road and Wisconsin Avenue entrances on September 21 from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. for their annual 8-kilometer run.
9. Confirmed the Mayor's nomination of Gail Werner to the Bethesda Fire Department Board of Directors for a term to end May 31, 2010.
10. Authorized the following transfers:

Amount	From	To
\$6,000	CPF Contingency	GF Pool
\$3,000	CPF Contingency	CPF Pool

11. Approved the application of Jeanette Kreiser, 4702 Falstone Avenue, to remove six dead and one almost dead evergreens along the right side of her property.
12. Approved the application of Mark Traver, 5527 Warwick Place, to add a new section on his deck to the left rear of the previously approved deck.

## Permits Granted



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

### Trees:

*James Wachob*, 4910 Essex Avenue, to remove a dying red oak that is leaning toward the house.

*Robert Hecht*, 4910 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a dead pine from the southwest corner of his lot.

*Patricia Gipple*, 4722 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a dead tree at the edge of her patio.

*Chester and Renu Finn*, 5404 Surrey Street, to remove an Eastern red cedar that is too close to their house.

*Corrine Swoff*, 4907 Falstone Avenue, to remove a dead Japanese red maple in her front yard.



## Crime and Police Report

*No report this month.*



For years the Town has had an issue with the **Chevy Chase Club** about storm water runoff from Club property onto nearby **Wisconsin Avenue**. At long last it seems this problem is on the verge of being resolved. Council member **Marnie Shaul**, Town Inspector **Larry Plummer**, and I were invited recently to visit with Club

General Manager **Luke O'Boyle** as he discussed the Club's application to the **Montgomery County Board of Appeals** for approval of a plan for a permanent solution. O'Boyle has asked the Town for a letter of support, and this will be discussed at the September Council meeting.

Since I have received only one request for appointment to the proposed mansionization task force, meaning I need to spend more time recruiting folks, I decided to postpone discussion and action on this topic until next month. So please let me know if you are interested. I was dismayed to hear from **Bruce and Barbara Tully** (Warwick) that they have noticed our Dorset Avenue crossing guard being harassed by drivers on a daily basis, even by some school parents. Please pay special attention to their thoughtful letter to the editor elsewhere in this Journal. It is important that we all value the work of this important public servant.

Our Town is the only municipality that holds membership in the **Montgomery County Civic Federation**. Marnie and I attended a recent potluck "getting to know you" dinner where members of the organization seemed very appreciative of our attendance. New president **Arnie Gordon** has appointed me Acting Chair of the **Public Safety Committee**, and I look forward to sharing my experience with Town residents and finding ways to have this position benefit all.

As I walk my dog on a daily basis, I am appalled at the number of residents who are violating Town and County law by failing to **pick up** after their pets. In addition, it has been reported that some person has been leaving poop bags in their neighbor's lawn waste, resulting in our trash contractor not taking the waste. Perhaps this person is not aware of the trash policy in this regard. It would also be nice if pet owners help keep Somerset clean by picking up any trash they see along their walks.

As the summer winds down and we get revved up for Fall, I want to publicly thank Council members for their hard work these past five months. I applaud Marnie's attendance at so many meetings with me—we have become a real team and she is well prepared to serve as Acting Mayor when I am not around, Council member **Rick Kessler's** devotion to the success of the **Pool Committee**, Council member **Tom Eldridge's** long hours on the **Pool House project**, Council member **Cathy Pickar's** strong efforts on **traffic calming**, and Council member Alan Proctor's thoughtful analysis of some recent building application decisions and a new **PEPCO** policy. We are fortunate that Somerset is so well served.

For those who want to keep up with actions and activities of the Montgomery County Council, I highly recommend signing up for our own District 1 Councilmember's email newsletter which can be accessed at [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/Council/mem/Berliner/newsletter/index\\_July\\_2008.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/Council/mem/Berliner/newsletter/index_July_2008.asp).

# Town Hall Tidbits | By Tom Carter, Clerk-Treasurer



## Found

A Honda car key was found at the northeast corner of Warwick Place and Dorset Avenue on August 13. A lawn chair was left at Town Hall at the July 4 picnic. If either of these items belongs to you, please call Tom at **301-657-3211**.

## Back-to-School Classic 8K Race

Don't forget the 8-kilometer race through the streets of Somerset sponsored by the **Somerset Elementary School PTA** on Sunday, September 21. The intersections of Dorset and Cumberland Avenues with Wisconsin Avenue and Greystone Street with River Road will be closed from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Runners can register on line at [www.runwashington.com](http://www.runwashington.com)



## Odd Jobs List

Please take a moment to review the Odd Jobs list enclosed with this edition of the Town Journal. We have received several calls saying that listed personnel no longer are interested in doing the tasks they originally signed up to do. Some on the list are away at college and not available. Please let Tom know if there are any changes, additions or deletions so that this list is fully accurate. Call **301-657-3211** with changes.



## 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.



## Yard Refuse

Remember that your yard refuse containers must be marked to indicate they contain yard refuse. Tom has a few of these stickers at Town Hall or you may call **240-777-6400** and request some from the County.

## MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in Friendship Heights on Monday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

Hazardous waste may be dropped off at Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Avenue (west of Little Falls Parkway), on November 15.

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/swstmpl.asp?url=/Content/DPWT/solidwaste/collection\\_services/hw/hhw/index.asp#dates](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/Content/DPWT/solidwaste/collection_services/hw/hhw/index.asp#dates).

# Obituary

By Walter Behr



## Leonard Reed Dies at 90

Leonard Reed, 90, who moved to Dorset Avenue in 1960, died at home of *colon cancer* on July 25.

Born in **Montgomery, Alabama**, he graduated from **New York University** and, as a Naval officer during World War II, commanded a submarine chaser in the Pacific. After the war, he joined the **U. S. Information Agency** as an editor and commentary writer, later becoming chief of the **Voice of America's European bureau**, which was based in **Munich**. His was the first VOA voice to reach **Warsaw** and **Moscow**.

In 1965, Len returned to **Washington** to run the **VOA English language broadcasts**. Later, he was removed from the post for not supporting the **Vietnam War** as the Johnson administration desired. **John Charles Daly**, the VOA director and former host of *"What's My Line?"* resigned in protest.

After spending two years with the **Agency for International Development**, Len rejoined the USIA as editor-in-chief of *"Amerika Illustrated,"* a glossy magazine distributed in the **Soviet Union**. Since retiring in 1973, he had articles published in **Harper's**, **The Washington Post** and **Washington Monthly**.

Len served for many years as chair of the **Town Tennis Committee** and normally played two hours a day, five days a week, year-round.

His first wife, **Judith**, died in 1986. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, **Joyce**; son, **Jonathan** of Las Vegas; daughter, **Susan Silver** of Timonium, MD; stepchildren, **Adam Shub** of Mexico City and **Rachel Shub** of Geneva; and six grandchildren.

## Remembering Len

by Bernie Yanowitz

I'm one of those middle aged sports  
Who played with Len Reed on the courts.  
We seldom complain, we handle our pain  
With Advil and elbow supports.

We're really all very nice guys  
With very close family ties.  
If we gave some bad calls on those in or out balls  
It's because of our middle aged eyes.

We don't like to play in the heat.  
It's not good for our middle aged feet.  
We lob and drop shot, though we do miss a lot.  
We hate to go down in defeat

You notice I didn't say old.  
We played in the wind and the cold.  
We still have our pride.  
We're known far and wide  
At least where knee braces are sold.

Len's tennis was top of the line.  
He didn't say "yours" he said "mine".  
Our number one seed was always Len Reed.  
His game was much better than mine.

We usually followed the rules.  
And Len had all of the tools.  
We had to agree to change ends on three.  
On two is only for fools.

So Len we want you to know  
There's tennis in heaven, although  
It may be true they change ends on two.  
We all miss you here down below.



# Summary of M-NCPPC Meeting

By Patrick Haggerty, Balodemas Architects

**Norman Knopf** (Town Attorney)  
**Lou Balodemas, Charles Irish** (Civil Engineer, VIKA), **Mayor Slavin**, Council members **Shaul & Proctor** recently met with staff members of the **Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission** to discuss the land use issues associated with the future pool and bathhouse renovations.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the county requirements, recommendations, and options for creating a legal lot suitable to obtain a building permit for any future construction. Also discussed was the environmental impact of planned improvements as outlined in the

**Facility Design Criteria** (FDC)

prepared by

**Balodemas Architects.**

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The Town owns several distinct legal parcels and lots in the vicinity of the pool. In order to secure a building permit for any future construction or renovations, a legal plat needs to be created. This can be a complicated process, but based on recommendations from the planning staff, the Town attorney will be pursuing several promising options that may speed the process and reduce cost.

The second issue is that the existing pool and bathhouse fall mostly within an environmental protection area known as a **Stream Valley Buffer** (SVB). Since the pool and bathhouse were built before the creation of this protection area, the county will allow limited construction. Park & Planning staff recommended additional criteria for the FDC that will be sent to prospective architectural and engineering firms:

1. The limit of construction disturbance must encroach no further toward the creek than the existing paved area.

2. Any new design must add no additional impervious areas. Impervious areas are surfaces such as concrete, asphalt and wood decking that do not allow precipitation to drain to the soil.
3. Adding landscaped areas and/or creating a “green roof” at the bathhouse are ways to offset and decrease the impervious areas.

## Somerset Elementary School's Back-to-School Classic 8K and 2K Road Races to be Held Sunday, September 21



### Fantastic Prizes, Delicious Brunch, Kids' Fun Runs, All Contribute to a Great Community Event

Summer is quickly flying by and school is almost back in session. That means it is almost time for **Somerset Elementary School's** biggest fundraiser and family event – the **21st Annual Back-to-School Classic 8K, 2K and Fun Runs**. The events will take place on **Sunday, September 21, 2008** starting at **8:00 a.m.** outside the school.

Every year, close to 800 runners, from championship runners to young students, compete in the 8K and 2K races, running through our neighborhood. The 8K is **USTAF-certified**, with **Capital Running Co.** managing race logistics and time keeping.

The **Classic** also features **Kids' Fun Runs** in many different age categories, and a terrific brunch for all participants after the race. Age group prizes will be awarded for the top three male and female finishers for the 8K. In addition, the Back-to-School Classic is renowned for its abundance of great random prizes—including the top prize of a **Giant MTX 225 24" bicycle** donated by **Griffin Cycle** drawn at the conclusion of the races. All entrants also receive the ever-popular **Classic t-shirts!**

The title sponsor of this year's Back-to-School Classic is **Bonnie Lewin, Evers and Co. Real Estate**. Other sponsors include: **Platinum Sponsors:** *Bethesda Magazine, Breads Unlimited, Clayboy Shaved Ice, Esprit Rainbow Travel, Friendship Hospital for Animals, Gilday Renovations, Potomac Pizza, Promotion-Source.com;* **Gold Level Sponsors:** *Café Deluxe, International School of Music, Metropolitan Pediatric Dentistry, Saks Fifth Avenue, Sandy Spring Builders, Whole Foods Market;* **Silver Level Sponsors:** *Clyde's of Chevy Chase, DrinkMore Water, Honest Tea, Manion & Associates, National Capital Bank, The Bartozzi Family, The Christopher Family.* We thank all our wonderful sponsors and the many others who contribute prizes.

Proceeds from the race help **Somerset Elementary School** provide scholarships for the after-school programs, build its library collections and classroom resources, and offer a rich cultural arts program.

**Register now for this great community event!** For all you need to know and to register online, visit [www.runwashington.com/other/somersetinfo.html](http://www.runwashington.com/other/somersetinfo.html). You must be registered by September 12 to be eligible for the random prize drawings and the grand prize.

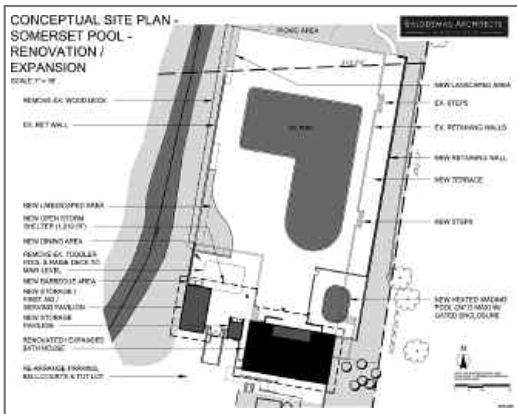
# Getting the Right Information for Action

By Alan Proctor, Council member

*There are a number of interesting issues on the agenda for the September Council meeting. I'd like to highlight two of them here.*

First, I plan to introduce legislation that will clarify and strengthen the notice that is given to neighbors when owners of adjoining properties seek Town approval of a building permit. Current code includes a notice provision, but I am concerned that it does not state with sufficient specificity the information that should be given to provide effective notice of planned construction. I think this creates a serious risk that neighbors are surprised by what ends up being constructed next to them, and I think that given our strong, collective interest in preserving the quality and small-Town feel of our community, that neighbors—those who are most directly affected—should be given sufficient notice of proposed construction so neither they nor the community experience such surprises in the future.

This goal can be accomplished without increasing the burden on applicants. I will propose that neighbors who “sign off” on receiving notice under the current provisions would also be given a Town-approved form that would, among other things, summarize the building to be undertaken; provide the date and time at which the hearing will be conducted; be advised that the Town requests their view on whether the requested permit should be approved (which would be reported to members of the Council at least one week before the permit is considered); and that the form have a plat drawing attached that shows the location of existing improvements on the subject lot and those on directly-adjoining lots, together with the location of the proposed new construction or improvements.



hoping the Council will accommodate it. This is to provide that the architect consider and report back to the Council at an early stage in the design process on the option to enclose the space under the planned storm shelter. The design criteria already specify that the storm shelter be designed such that it can be enclosed in the future, and what I will be requesting is that as part of the design process, which is already designed to consider recommendations and options on an iterative basis, that the architect provide information to the Council on the relative costs, economies and practicalities of closing in this space as part of the main project instead of in the future.

An airy, but enclosable, space next to the pool could be an attractive and an even more useful complement to other features at the pool than just a covered storm

shelter—and I will be circulating pictures of one such facility that illustrates this. I'm hoping the Council will approve asking the architect to provide us with the information as part of the ongoing design process that will enable us to consider this option.

You can get more information on these thoughts and comment on them and other topics on my blog, <http://alan.proctors.us>.

## New No Parking Ordinance

By Marnie Shaul, Council member



At the request of residents on Uppingham Street, I have introduced a No Parking ordinance for a small segment of Uppingham Street to correct a problem in which there is limited driveway egress because of overhanging vehicles. Several years ago, a new home was constructed next door and the builder moved the driveway, which left only a small segment of curb between the two driveways.

In Somerset, “No Parking” is part of the Town Code, so an ordinance is necessary if parking is to be restricted. Because this seemed like a major step, I asked the traffic consultant working for Somerset on traffic calming to examine the site. He indicated that the space is too small for parking. In the future, when the Council is approving building plans, I think we need to be careful about requests to move driveways, which not only affect parking but can also affect our Town trees.





## Please Don't Prune Town Trees

By Corrie Morsey

In recent months it has come to our attention that landscapers working for residents have pruned, cut back branches, and even large limbs of Town trees. This is in violation of Town Code and is considered a municipal infraction subject to a fine of **\$500** for trees measuring less than 10-1/2 inches or **\$1,000** for trees larger than 10-1/2 inches.

Town trees are those planted in the Town right-of-way and are easily identified by the quarter-sized, numbered disk affixed to the trunk, approximately 6 feet above ground level. A general guide for determining the right-of-way is measuring 25 feet from the center of the street in towards your property.

If you feel a street tree adjacent to your property needs work, please email or call the Town Hall with your request. Please include the number on the disk and the address of its location. We'll add your request to the work list of the Town's new arborist consultant, **Barb Neal**.



## Letters to the Editor

### Carpooling/shuttle service to Metro

From Nancy Zivitz Sussman, Greystone Avenue

More of us are using public transportation due to the high cost of fuel and the frustrations associated with commuting. Walking can be time-consuming and impractical for some of us. Perhaps the Town could encourage increased use of public transportation by making it more convenient for users.

There may be alternatives that could be instituted by the Town to ferry residents to the Metro stations such as a shuttle service, particularly in the morning and evening, or hourly service. Perhaps an entrepreneurial resident would be interested in providing van service. There are many options that could be explored.

One question is whether the Town has funds to support such an effort; another is whether there is sufficient interest. Please let me or the Mayor or Town Clerk know if this is something of interest.

*nancyzivitzsussman@gmail.com*

### Our Somerset School Crossing Guard

From Bruce Tully, Warwick Place

With school about to open, let's focus on the one person who is always there to protect our children—our Crossing Guard. Most of you don't know her name but you know her job—to regulate traffic so your kids can safely cross. What you may not know is she routinely gets verbal and figurative abuse.

A uniformed Crossing Guard has the same authority as a police officer to direct traffic at her post. She can wave you through a stop sign, hold you while kids/buses pass, and direct you to turn around if you go the wrong way. Please give her a break. Let her do her job protecting YOUR kids without the abuse. And please offer her hot coffee in winter or cool water in summer.

Please remember it is she who stands in the street to protect your child. An occasional "thank you" wouldn't hurt!

*Letters are limited to 150 words and may be edited at the discretion of the editor.*

# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Meeting of Town Council

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of the August 4 regular meeting – 7:30 p.m.
2. Suggestions and questions from residents – 7:35 p.m.
3. Approval of proposal by VIKA for up to \$16,000 for survey and other work relating to obtaining a subdivision from Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission to permit the Town's Bathhouse project – 7:45 p.m.\*\*
4. Action on Bathhouse RFP for architectural and engineering services based on input from meeting with the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission staff – 7:55 p.m.\*\*
5. Discussion of traffic consultant's first phase draft of proposals for traffic calming devices – 8:05 p.m.
6. Approval of new RFP for pool management in CY2009 and 2010 – 8:20 p.m.
7. Action on noise abatement plan by Michael and Abby Nolan, 5807 Surrey Street, for relocating their air conditioning units to meet setback requirements – 8:40 p.m.
8. Action on request by Chevy Chase Club for letter of support for their application to the Board of Appeals to correct storm water problem on Wisconsin Avenue – 8:50 p.m.\*\*
9. Mayor's report – 8:55 p.m.
10. Developments/plans in the vicinity of Somerset – 9:00 p.m.
11. Confirmation of Mayor's reappointment of Joan Rabinor and appointment of Ralph Werner and Barbara Condos to Swimming Pool Committee for three-year terms and appointment of Michelle Edson as chair for one-year term – 9:10 p.m.
12. Action authorizing special trash pickup Friday, October 10 – 9:15 p.m.
13. Action on Town Code amendment to Section 9-202 (No Parking Zones) to add under Uppingham Street 17-foot section on the northwest side of the street between 5514 and 5516 Uppingham Street – 9:20 p.m.\*\*
14. Introduction of Town Code amendment to the Building Code regarding neighbor notification – 9:25 p.m.
15. Action on contract for leaf removal from pool upper parking lot for this year at cost of up to \$23,640 – 9:30 p.m.
16. Action on application by Marian Scheiner, 4913 Falstone Avenue, to remove three dead or dying multi-trunked ornamental trees in her front yard – 9:35 p.m.
17. New business – 9:40 p.m.
18. Adjournment – 9:45 p.m.

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