

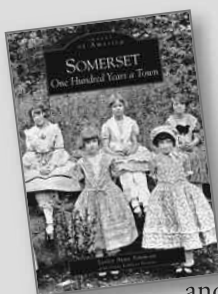


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Copies Of Town History Book Still Available

Copies of *Somerset: One Hundred Years a Town* published by Arcadia Publishing in their “Images of America” series are available at the Town Hall. This fascinating look at our Town includes some 200 black and white photographs and follows the development of the Town from the 1890s on. It makes a great holiday gift! Price: \$20 (Cash or check made out to “Town of Somerset”).



Preferences on the New Trash Pick-up Contract?

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice-President

Somerset’s trash contract is up for renewal early in 2010. Over the past three years advances have occurred in how trash and recyclables are handled. In preparation for drafting a request for proposal (RFP), **Mayor Slavin** and **the Council** asked the **Environment Committee** to develop options for the Council’s consideration at its December meeting. **George Wyeth**, Environment Committee Co-Chair has written an article for the Journal reporting on the committee’s research (special thanks to **Miriam Soroush**, who did much of the background work).

Some of the issues the Council faces include:

- Having large wheeled bins (similar to the County’s) for paper recycling;
- Having choices for residents between large and small recycling bins like the ones County residents currently use;
- Having once or twice a week pick up of garbage and yard waste;
- Having all waste picked up at the curb or having garbage picked up at the resident’s preferred location;

- Using a service provider that has trucks fueled by natural gas; and
- Determining how various options affect costs.

Individual Council Members have already heard from some residents, and we’d like to be sure that we are getting a good representation of residents’ views. So, if you have strong preferences about how Somerset collects its trash, please let the council know.

Calendar

Saturday, December 5
Community Service Day

Monday, December 7
Council Meeting

Monday, December 21
MVA Mobile Office

Friday, Christmas Day
December 25

Friday, New Year’s Day
January 1
Town Hall Closed

December 26-28 and
January 1 – 4
Tom Carter Away

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**.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Z. Slavin

Our Many Blessings

Once again we are on the verge of the holiday season, and I continue to remind myself how fortunate we are to live where we do and among so many folks of goodwill, with such a multitude of talents.

Somerset is situated in a superb location as a small oasis next to the urban sprawl, with an incredibly beautiful and well maintained community. Most especially, our residents care about the plight of others and have the education and skills that can be extremely helpful to underserved populations.

We are truly blessed that, in spite of the country's economic downturn, it seems Town residents have not suffered as much during this crisis as those in other parts of the region, and certainly as those in the country as a whole. Nevertheless, there are lots of people in our area who are truly suffering.

Because we are so fortunate, I feel at this critical time in our history that it is our responsibility to step up and give more of our resources—not only from our checkbooks, but of our manpower and our brainpower. This is essential, because for so many people around these parts, it is truly the “rainy day” we have all come to fear, and our help is critical.

So, during this season and on into the new year, I urge everyone to re-dedicate themselves to serve the less fortunate by volunteering on a project or for an organization. One opportunity will take place at our **Town's Community Service Day program** on **December 5**, but for those unavailable that day, there are other chances by way of the **County's Volunteer Center**. Or, you can contact your favorite non-profit or religious institution and they will be sure to have something for you to do. Remember, it is not necessary to travel to the inner city to find people to help; there is great need here in our own **Montgomery County**.

Of course I want to remind everyone to take out their checkbooks this month and give to charity to the best of their ability as the year end approaches. One place I would recommend looking at is the **Neighbors in Need fund** that our **County Executive, Ike Leggett**, has been promoting during the past year. “Give where you live” because there are a lot of underprivileged people literally in our own backyards.

Don't forget the food banks, which continue to be more depleted than ever. I want to single out **Boy Scout Troup 204**, with a number of Town residents, whose members collected canned and packaged food door-to-door earlier this month.

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Somerset Examines Recycling and Trash Options

By George Wyeth, Environment Committee co-chair

The Town's contract for recycling and trash pickup will expire shortly, and as we look at a new contract, it's time to explore all the options and decide what kinds of services we need. **The Environment Committee** has been investigating the choices and here's what we've found. We would also welcome other

suggestions, especially in terms of recycling needs. Please convey your desires to the committee or to members of the Town Council soon, as the request for bids will be voted on at the December council meeting.

One additional service the committee would like to see in any new contract is the ability to use large wheeled bins for recycling, as well as the current small bins. Large bins are more portable and make it easier to recycle paper in particular. We have heard that some residents would prefer the existing bins; we believe the wheeled ones are actually easier to manage, but in any case we think the contract should allow for both, at the homeowner's choice. The wheeled bins either can be purchased or rented by the Town, and we would like the proposal to invite bids on both options.

We also would expect that, at a minimum, haulers should be able to recycle all materials that are accepted at **Montgomery County recycling facilities**. Because there have been some concerns that haulers do not always deliver recyclables to recycling facilities, any contract should include a means for checking on that (e.g., providing receipt of delivery on request).

To reduce both cost and our carbon footprint, the Town can consider once-per-week pickup. We know that opinions differ on this, even within our committee. However, it would reduce fuel use and reduce the number of trucks on our streets.

Finally, before making any final decisions on private haulers, we would encourage the Town to consider the option of using Montgomery County's hauling and recycling service. Our estimate is that the County service would be cheaper, and it uses non-diesel, natural gas-powered trucks. Haulers are monitored to ensure that recycling actually ends up in recycling facilities. The County provides five free bulk pickups per year, at the homeowner's request and can pick up garbage at the house if the resident is unable to take it to the curb. There are some offsetting factors—the County picks up only once a week, and would not pick up the Town's street-corner trash bins or the Town dumpster. However, we believe it is still an option worth looking into.

Trash and recycling affect residents more directly every week than almost any other Town service. The upcoming contract renewal is the chance to make sure we are getting the services we want.

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And please, especially remember the service people in your lives. Most rely greatly on the gratuities they receive at this time of year, and we are thankful for the jobs they perform, like cleaning our offices, picking up our trash, and cleaning off the table at our favorite restaurants.

Finally, to provide ongoing support, I am in the process of setting up a fund in Town, with private donations only (and I will make the initial contribution) for the purpose of making grants to local non-profit organizations. A number of Somerset citizens will compose a board that will make these grants based on specific criteria. It will be housed and administered by the **Montgomery County Community Foundation**.

I am very excited about this new initiative and hope many will eventually participate. It is my mission to create a community of givers, and also to teach the younger generation in Town how important it is to be philanthropic. As we are so blessed, I want Somerset to have a reputation based on more than our economic and social status. Everyone is invited to participate.

Safe travels to all during the Thanksgiving holiday and remember to say a prayer for those who aren't as lucky as we are.



Community Service Day

By Mayor Jeffrey Z. Slavin

All are invited to participate in our **annual Community Service Day**, to be held on **Saturday, December 5, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Town Hall**. This annual event gives us a chance to help those in need at a critical time of the year.

Projects planned include food baskets for **A Wider Circle**, sandwiches for the **Gude Drive Men's Shelter**, stuffing envelopes and making gift bags for the **Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place**, and making sock toys for the **Humane Society**.

We are collecting toiletries, toothbrushes, and small individually packaged snack foods and gum to make gift kits, and there will be a barrel for canned and packaged food. **The Somerset Community Service Corps**, consisting of **Sarah Morse** (Dorset), **David Kathan** (Dorset), **David Stern** (Warwick) and **Mary Geffroy** (Essex) will be hosting this event again.

If you want to volunteer to help with set up or clean up afterwards (most important) or help with deliveries, contact Sarah at morsekathan@gmail.com.

It would be helpful to RSVP, especially if you are bringing a group. **See you there!**

and many other details, follow the link from the home page on the Town's web site, or go to <http://townofsomerset.proctors.us/>.

Health is the New Wealth

By Diane Horn, Surrey Street

Good health isn't just the absence of illness. It reflects a balance between one's mind, body, and spirit. Poor lifestyle habits over time can lead to chronic diseases like diabetes, overweight, and high blood pressure. We all know what we should be doing, but find it is difficult to put this knowledge into action.

I would like to form a **Somerset Wellness Group** that will explore such topics as stress reduction, why diets don't work, cutting down on sugar and fast food, challenges of preparing home cooked meals in today's rushed environment, and cooking for one. Somerset has been awarded a "**Tree City USA**" designation. Let's see if we also can be known as a "**Healthy City**." Please e-mail diane@impoweredwellness.com if you are interested in participating in this group.

Update on Pool Facility Renovation Project

By Alan Proctor, Council member and Contract Officer for Renovation Project

Planning for the expected renovation of the Town's pool facility has moved into a new phase as we look forward to completing the project between **the end of next year's pool season (around Labor Day 2010) and the beginning of the 2011 pool season (around Memorial Day 2011)**, when the fully renovated facility would be reopened for enjoyment of even more Town residents. Plans call for fully renovating the current facility and adding additional inside and outside space that will do double duty as a rain shelter and a seasonal center for social and community gatherings and other activities of interest to residents whether or not you're into swimming.



The architects are developing construction drawings to implement the designs approved by the Council this past summer, which will be used to obtain final permits, obtain contractor bids for the project, and guide construction. The Town will review financial plans and options for the work this winter, with the goal of making final decisions on proceeding with the project, obtaining financing as needed, and awarding a contract next spring or early summer.

For more information about the current status and background on the project, including pictures and other drawings showing plans for the renovated facility

Permits Granted



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

Trees:

William Farley, 4814 Grantham Avenue, to remove a dying black cherry in his back yard.

Ruth Koffsky, 5515 Greystone Street, to remove declining sassafras in her back yard.

Town Hall Tidbits | By Tom Carter, Clerk-Treasurer



Office Holiday Hours

Town Hall will be closed **Friday, Christmas Day, December 25,** and **Friday, New Year's Day, January 1,** which are Federal holidays. Tom will be away **December 26-28** and **January 1-4.** Please call first before coming to the office to be sure someone is in. The Mayor will be in Town and may be called either at home or at Town Hall. Some of the maintenance

personnel will also be in, so if you need their help, please call **301-657-1992** and leave a message. One of them will return your call as soon as he gets back in the garage office.

Found

A Bell bike helmet with fire-breathing dragons was found near the pool last month. If you think this belongs to you, call **Tom** at **301-657-3211.**

Recycling

J&J will no longer be dropping our recycling at the **Howard County facility** so we must return to separating our paper and cardboard from glass, metals and plastics.



Leaf Removal

We are still vacuuming leaves and will be picking them up **until the end of December.** Our machine is working great and only a little rain has slowed the men.



As always, when the majority of the trees decide to drop, they do it at the same time and it is impossible to get to everyone at once. Please help us by parking in your driveways during the day so the men can get the leaf machine through. The men will try to notify owners of parked cars the day before if they have time. This is particularly important for those of you living on lower Essex Avenue, lower Trent Street and lower Warwick Place.

Remember to rake your leaves to the curb, **NOT** into the street. You can also put them out in paper bags or reusable containers for pickup on Tuesdays by J&J.

Please remind your contractors that they cannot start blowing leaves before 9:00 a.m. on any day of the week.

Yard Waste Pickup

Don't forget that yard waste will only be picked up on **Tuesdays** during the months of **December, January, and February.** We do not resume **Tuesday and Friday** yard waste collection until **March.**



Winter Storm Warning

The Town will have our snow removal contractor shovel and sand public sidewalks alongside your property for you as we have in the past. If you want help clearing your driveway or the walkway to your house, you can make arrangements with

one of our young people in Town who is on the list of Odd Job Helpers.

As we do every year, we will be setting out sand for vehicles that get stuck on our streets. Remember to get sand, kitty litter or ashes from your fireplace to spread on slippery sidewalks.

If you have trouble finding sand for sidewalks, you may use the sand in the barrels. And, if you have trouble getting out to the store, call the Town Hall and we will find a way to get sand or kitty litter to you as soon as possible.

Parking and Driving Courtesy

Please refrain from parking cars opposite other residents' driveways unless there are no other spaces in the vicinity. While this is a common courtesy year-round, drivers who park in these locations when the roads become slick not only inconvenience their neighbors when they are trying to back out onto the street, but also place their own vehicles in greater likelihood of damage.



If vehicles are parked illegally, call the police at **301-279-8000.** You do **NOT** have to give your name to file a report.

As you know, our streets are narrow. Please remember that traffic on the side of the street where no parking is allowed has the right of way. That doesn't mean that courtesy doesn't work both ways. With house construction projects and other obstructions, it behooves all of us to be considerate of our fellow drivers.

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

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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.

MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in **Friendship Heights** on **Monday, December 21**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



2010 Calendars
2010 League of Women Voters calendars are available at the Town Hall for \$7 or call **Nancy Soreng** at **301-986-1916**.



Security Report

By Birdie Pieczenik, Chairperson, Security Committee

Deterrence May Be the Best Prevention

According to Webster's dictionary, "deter" means to discourage someone from taking action or prevent something from happening. If we accept this definition, deterrence becomes an important means of crime prevention for Somerset.

A few weeks ago, a burglary occurred on **Oxford Street** in **Chevy Chase Village**. I don't have all the details of the crime, but it did occur at night when a family was at home and sleeping. No one was hurt, small items were taken, and those items included car keys and then, the car. I don't know whether the police think this was done by someone known to the family, or by what means the house was entered. But knowing this is not the important thing.

What is important is the fact of the crime. The home invasion is a good reminder that everyone in Town, if you haven't done it already, should re-read the security tips that the **Security Committee** has published in previous editions of the Somerset Town Journal (and which are available at the Town Hall and on the website). They cover appropriate lighting measures for both the interior and exterior of your house, and suggestions for the placement and quality of locks on both windows and doors. These everyday deterrents are what can make the difference between your house becoming a target of crime or not. And if you haven't already, please call the **Montgomery County Police Department** and make an appointment with the **Community Resource Officer** to visit your home for a free crime prevention walk-through.



Obituary

Donald K. Palmer and Elizabeth K. Palmer

Donald K. Palmer and **Elizabeth K. Palmer**, residents of **Greystone Street** since 1961, each died peacefully in their home in **2009**. They were married for **58 years**. They are survived by their four children, **Beth, Julie, Jeff, and Win** all of whom graduated from **Somerset Elementary**. They are also survived by six grandchildren.

Don died of **prostate cancer** on **May 16, 2009** at age **85**. He was born in **Mt. Pleasant, Michigan** and attended **Alma College** for a year before serving in the **Army** for three years in **World War II**. He received a **B.S. in Foreign Service** from **Georgetown University** and a **Ph.D. in Economics** from **Harvard University**. The first 18 years of his career were spent in government service, first in the **Marshall Plan** and its successor agency, and then at the **State Department**. Betty and Don's growing family was stationed in **England** and **Greece** for seven years during this period. Upon their return from Greece, they bought their house in Somerset. While with the State Department, Don played a leadership role in formulating and executing the **Alliance for Progress**. Don left the State Department in 1969 as **Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Economic Affairs**. He then spent the final 16 years of his career at the **International Monetary Fund** as **Deputy Director of the Exchange and Trade Relations Department**.

Don enjoyed a vigorous and healthy retirement, traveling around the world with Betty, and nearly shooting his age on the golf course earlier this year. He played tennis until age **80**, frequently at the Somerset tennis courts. He served on the **Board of the Bretton Woods Recreation Center** for many years.

Betty died of **coronary heart disease** on **October 14, 2009** at age **93**. She was a lifelong **Washington** resident with the exception of her time overseas with Don. She graduated from **Sacred Heart Academy** in Washington at the age of 15, skipping several grades in the process, and from **Strayer College**. From **1931 to 1951**, she worked as a secretary and **administrative assistant** for various **Federal Agencies**, including the **Civil Aeronautics Administration**, the **United**

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By Jeffrey Z. Slavin, Mayor

On **Veterans Day** I had a full schedule, in the morning attending, at the invitation of **Mayor Sheila Dixon**, the **Baltimore City** ceremony to honor those who have served our country through wartime and peace. I was proud to represent our Town and be in the company of so many Marylanders who have dedicated themselves to our safety. Mayor Dixon has named a new **Veterans Task Force**, and it reminded me that perhaps we need to do something in Town to

recognize our own veterans and determine if there are any services they need. Later that day, I attended a talk by **Montgomery County District 4 Council member Nancy Navarro** at the **Riderwood Senior Community**, where she spoke in detail about the County's new growth policy.

In spite of the threat of rain, there appeared to be the regular number of trick or treaters in Town this year, and thankfully, with a few minor exceptions, all children and parents had a grand time. There were several reports of egg throwing and pumpkin smashing, but it seems that vandalism was kept to a minimum. Several residents have suggested that we have one of our police officers present in order to prevent any future problems. I received over **180 kids** knocking at my door, including a group overseen by father and neighbor, **Attorney General Doug Gansler**, who had also run in the **Somerset 5K** earlier that day. It's so nice to have a statewide elected official like the AG so exposed to all of the Town's issue and services.

The quarterly **Brown Bag Lunch** was lively this time and we were joined by Council members **Marnie Shaul** and **Barbara Zeughouser**. Most in attendance were interested in the various issues between the Town and **Pepco**, and the Council members and I will be doing follow-ups. I also announced that we will be purchasing a bench in memory of late residents **Bart** and **Alice Rowen** (he was a former Council member himself) using private funds; anyone wanting to contribute should get in touch with me. We will also be dedicating the conference "room" in the Mayor's office to the late, legendary Council member **Judy Frankel**.

The Town helped sponsor an information growth and land use forum, hosted in the **Town of Chevy Chase**. For those who were not able to be there in person, the show was taped and re-broadcast twice on **Montgomery Municipal Channel 16**.

Kudos are in order for all the Somerset residents who helped organize the annual race that raises funds for our elementary school's **PTA**. **Kimberly Crocker** (Dorset) deserves special recognition, as we worked closest with her, along with **Hedy Behbehani** (Falstone). Hats off to the loyal Town staff, too. It was a pleasure to see our two police officers and their wives as official entrants. **Senator Brian Frosh** (Grantham) emceed the brunch program and a number of Somerseters won prizes. Many thanks also to major sponsor **Bonnie Lewin** (Cumberland).

We had heard rumors that because of the larger than anticipated enrollment at **Somerset E.S.**, portable classrooms might have been necessary in the near future. This would have happened in spite of an earlier agreement that the third floor would be expanded if this occurred. It is my belief that there is almost universal opposition in Town to portables. Fortunately, the **School Superintendent** has come to the rescue, and there is a proposal on the table to appropriate new funds for the third floor project. I testified before the **School Board** earlier this month on my behalf and behalf of every Council member in support of this proposal. The Staff and I will continue to monitor the progress of this proposal, which we hope will be unanimously approved by the County Council.

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Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and the **Economic Cooperation Administration** (precursor to the Marshall Plan), where she and Don met.

Betty was a frequent volunteer at **Somerset School**, working in the cafeteria and the school library, as well as at **Immaculata Preparatory School** and **St. Anselm's Abbey School**. She delivered **Meals on Wheels** for twenty years and volunteered for the **American Red Cross** and **Little Falls Library**. She volunteered for eight years at the **Clinton White House** reading and directing mail. Betty enjoyed reading and playing bridge. She played socially for many years and for ten years participated in the **Children's Hospital Charity Bridge Marathon**. In her **70s**, Betty began playing **Tournament Bridge**, amassing over **300 master points**. She continued playing and winning, and her last game was two weeks before her death.

Both Betty and Don enjoyed travel and were able to visit all seven continents and many countries, both as a result of Don's job and on increasingly adventurous trips. After Don's retirement, they visited **Alaska** twice, the **Galapagos Islands**, went to **Manitoba** to observe the **polar bears**, and in **1989** went to **Antarctica** and the **Falkland Islands**.

Communications Working Group Report

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council member and Maxine Finkelstein, Journal Editor

Back in August, **Mayor Slavin** asked Council member **Barbara Zeughauser** to chair a new ad hoc working group to look at policies and procedures for **the Journal, the Town's website, and the weekly email blast**. We had our first meeting at the end of October, and we are pleased to report it was quite successful.

The meeting was attended by Mayor Slavin (also the publisher of the Journal), Council Vice-President, **Marnie Shaul**; Council member **Barbara Zeughauser**; Journal Editor, **Maxine Finkelstein**; and long-time Town resident, **Diane Horn**. Our first meeting was dedicated to setting up guidelines for submissions to the Journal. As you might expect, many things had to be taken into consideration. Even so, by the end of the meeting we were able to come up with Journal guidelines, and hope having them published in this month's Journal (as well as in all future issues) will simplify matters.

As you might see, our committee is a little lean on volunteers willing to serve. We welcome new members and any thoughts or suggestions you might like to share with us. Please feel free to send comments to Barbara at bzeughauser@townofsomerset.com and they will be circulated to the committee. And, if you have a little time and want to join us, just let Barbara know.

The following is the statement of purpose for the Town Journal:

The primary purpose of the Town Journal is as a legal instrument to inform Town residents of business conducted on their behalf by the Mayor, Council, committee

members, and staff. In addition, activities, Community events, Town events, and issues that relate directly to the Town are included.

The guidelines established by the working group appear in the box below.

Journal Guidelines

The following are the conclusions agreed on by the working group that will apply to future submissions to the Somerset Town Journal:

- Deadline (designated by editor) is 4:30 p.m. on the 15th of each month. Articles submitted after the deadline might not be included in that month's Journal.
- Maximum length of articles by individual Council members and committee members, 500 words per issue.
- Research and information articles assigned by the Council or the Mayor can moderately exceed the 500 word limit in order to present complete information.
- Articles written by Council members should contain new information and not be repetitive with the same content.
- Maximum length of obituaries and unsolicited articles by residents, 300 words.
- Maximum length of Letters to the Editor, 150 words.
- Articles by Council members for personal purposes (as opposed to Council business) will be treated the same as for other residents (for determining length and frequency).
- There is no promotion or advertisement of business or commercial interests within Journal articles, with the exception of Classified ads.
- Classified ads must be placed by a resident and contain resident's phone number.
- The Editor will exercise judgment on article length and appropriateness (Town Code grants authority to Editor for final decisions). The Editor may review changes to articles with author if time permits.
- The Publisher (the Mayor) authorizes final publication of the Journal.

Submission requirements for Journal:

- All items to be included in the Journal must be sent directly to Editor and must conform to the word limits outlined above.
- MSWord or text format by email, or typed and delivered.
- All inserts, artwork, and inclusions come through Editor to go to printer all at the same time.
- Changes to articles submitted after deadline at the discretion of the Editor.
- Documents should be submitted with no formatting, meaning:
 - All single spaced
 - Times New Roman typeface, 12 pt.
 - All paragraphs left block, including headings
 - No arbitrary punctuation
 - Double space (using enter) after paragraphs (not automatic double-spacing)
 - Any special treatment or emphasis within articles should be noted in a side note for the Editor

Editor will be happy to guide contributors in setting up their computer options to conform to formatting guidelines, or to offer guidance in preparing articles for submission.

Council Activity

At the November 2 closed session, the Town Council conferred with the Town Attorney regarding a matter of possible litigation.

At the November 2 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved the minutes of the October 5 regular meeting as submitted.
 2. Heard the independent auditor's report for fiscal year 2009 presented by Bob Diss of Lindsey & Associates.
 3. Postponed a decision on Pepco's plan to replace current Town streetlights with high-pressure sodium bulbs pending a three-month extension of the deadline by Pepco.
 4. Determined not to change pool guest fees for the 2010 season.
 5. Approved permits for Jim Belikove and Vanessa Piala, 4811 Cumberland Avenue, to add a basement and one-story addition to the west side of their house; add a small addition and new covered porch to the rear; and remove one tree, subject to receipt of a County permit, Town fees, and deposit, and the name and Maryland tree expert license number of their tree contractor.
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Legislation

At the November 2 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Enacted emergency legislation to clarify to building permit applicants the requirements for storm water management. (Vote: Pickar, Proctor, Shaul and Zeughauser for; Farley opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
2. Adopted a resolution supporting the Maryland Municipal League's Municipal Government Works Month (November). (Vote: Farley, Pickar, Shaul and Zeughauser in favor; Proctor abstained. Motion passed 4-0.)

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Monday, December 7, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

1. Announcement of closed meeting on November 2 – 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes of the November 2 regular and closed meetings – 7:35 p.m.
3. Discussion of financial report – 7:40 p.m.
4. Suggestions and questions from residents – 7:45 p.m.
5. Discussion of Swimming Pool Committee's proposed budget for 2009 season – 7:55 p.m.
6. Action on bathhouse renovation contracts to determine the location of the sewer line at a cost of \$4,010 and to determine the condition of the pool for up to \$4,100 – 8:05 p.m.**
7. Action on fence waiver application by Joe Turi, 5517 Trent Street, to place the finished side inwards on neighbor's request – 8:10 p.m.
8. Action on extension of contract for portable toilet for tennis courts – 8:15 p.m.
9. Action on proposed RFP for trash and recycling contract – 8:20 p.m.**
10. Action on contract to remove six trees previously approved for removal – 8:35 p.m.
11. Confirmation of Mayor's nominations for members of the Swimming Pool Committee – 8:40 p.m.
12. Confirmation of Mayor's nominations for members of the Special Events Committee – 8:45 p.m.
13. Confirmation of Mayor's nominations for members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections – 8:50 p.m.
14. Confirmation of Mayor's nominations for members of the Security Committee – 8:55 p.m.
15. Action setting dates for nomination and election of Mayor and two Council members for two-year terms (suggested dates: nominations, Monday, March 1; election, Tuesday, April 6) and to extend the hours of voting from 5-9:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
16. Action on tennis fees for 2010 – 9:05 p.m.
17. Mayor's Report – 9:10 p.m.
18. Review of Council Follow-up List – 9:15 p.m.
19. Adjournment – 9:30 p.m.



left to right: Council members Bill Farley, Barbara Zeughouser, Cathy Pickar, Vice President Marnie Shaul, Alan Proctor

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