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Somerset Pool Facility Renovation Project.

## Resolution On Pool House Loan

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Town of Somerset (the "Town") adopted **Resolution No. 2-10** (the "Resolution") on **July 6, 2010** and the Mayor approved the Resolution on **July 7, 2010**.

The title of the Resolution, which constitutes a fair summary of the Resolution, is as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOMERSET PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE TOWN OF SOMERSET (THE "TOWN"), UPON ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION INSTALLMENT BOND IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000), SUBJECT TO REDUCTION AS PROVIDED HEREIN, THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE THEREOF TO BE USED AND APPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF FINANCING, REIMBURSING OR REFINANCING ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE COST OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: RECONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING THE BATH HOUSE AT THE SOMERSET POOL (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ADDING A KITCHENETTE, STORAGE SPACE AND COVERED SHELTER AND RENOVATING AND IMPROVING THE EXISTING SHOWER ROOMS, INCLUDING ADA IMPROVEMENTS), DEMOLISHING THE EXISTING WADING POOL AND CONSTRUCTING A RELOCATED WADING POOL, WIDENING AND IMPROVING THE EAST POOL TERRACE, PARTIAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POOL DECK, REPLACING POOL FILTRATION EQUIPMENT AND ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING A FILTRATION BACKWASH TANK, TOGETHER WITH COSTS OF RELATED SITE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE POOL PARKING LOT, AND LANDSCAPING), RELATED PLANNING, DESIGN, ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND INSPECTION EXPENSES, AND RELATED COSTS OF ISSUANCE; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BOND AT PRIVATE SALE WITHOUT ADVERTISEMENT OR PUBLICATION OF SALE OR SOLICITATION OF COMPETITIVE BIDS TO SUNTRUST BANK AND ALL OTHER DETAILS INCIDENT TO

THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AND DETERMINATIONS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH A REISSUANCE OF THE BOND AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING THAT THIS TITLE BE DEEMED A FAIR SUMMARY OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR ALL PURPOSES; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, DELIVERY AND PAYMENT OF AND FOR THE BOND.

A complete copy of the Resolution may be inspected in the Town office, 4510 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, between **9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday** (except holidays). The Ordinance will become effective contemporaneously with the effective date of **Ordinance No. 4-10**, which is expected to occur on **July 29, 2010**.

### Calendar

**Tuesday, August 6**

Council Meeting

**Sunday, August 8**

Art Show Reception

**Monday, August 23**

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**.

# Council Action On Pool House Project Loan

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President



Somerset Pool Facility Renovation Project. (interior)

At its July meeting, the Council passed a resolution authorizing a loan for the pool house project. As required by our **Charter**, the title of the resolution is published in this issue of the Journal.

The loan is with **SunTrust Bank** and is in the form of a **\$1.8 million** tax-exempt bank-qualified bond.

Over the past year, Somerset has

discussed funding of the project with several banks; however, we learned that we could get better terms by using a financial advisor. Therefore, the Council authorized **Davenport & Company** to obtain offers. The SunTrust agreement has many favorable features; such as a **low interest rate of 3.74 percent** and amortization over 20 years. Somerset had wanted the longer amortization because it makes our annual payment more affordable and keeps it within our debt policy. Many banks will amortize only over 15 years. In addition, there is no prepayment penalty. The Council wanted this feature so Somerset has the option to pay off the loan more quickly if income tax revenues return to previous levels.

In comparison to another bank's offering, the SunTrust agreement has very few conditions to meet in order to obtain a loan. To get the lower interest rate, Somerset will be switching its banking relationship to SunTrust. The Council was prepared to do this because most of the banks we talked with wanted us to switch our banking relationship as a condition of the loan.

In addition to the work of the Mayor and Council Members in obtaining financing for the project, special thanks to Somerset's Audit Committee Chair **Chuck Edson** and Audit Committee Member **Vicki Frink** for their good advice and encouragement during the process.



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Deadline for ads and copy is the 15th of the month at 4:30 p.m.



## On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

### Farewell to Clerk-Treasurer Tom Carter

As I have said many times, if we are doing our jobs well in Town government— by making good laws and establishing solid policies—none of us is irreplaceable. However, if there could be an exception made to this pronouncement, perhaps the official who would come close would be **Tom Carter**, our longtime, hard working Clerk-Treasurer.

I first got to know Tom when I was elected to the Council more than eight years ago. While the Council had less day-to-day involvement in Somerset operations than it does now, I volunteered to perform a variety of tasks, and more often than not ended up working with Tom. Although hired as the Clerk-Treasurer whose job description would be similar to a **CFO** for a small business, over his **fifteen-year tenure** Tom expanded the role so that his duties in many respects were those of a **Town Manager**.

During that time, I was amazed by Tom’s work ethic, institutional history, writing ability, and efficiency. With his military background, he truly ran a tight ship, and this was to everyone’s advantage.

After I became Mayor, naturally our time spent together vastly increased. I honestly could not have transitioned to the executive position without him. Working as a daily team, 24/7 at times, Tom and I have been able to bring a productive agenda to fruition and with his guidance along the way, we have put updated programs and policies in place. At the same time, Tom has overseen our finances with perfection. We get excellent reports from our auditors, and our vendors appreciate that bills are always paid on time.

In addition, Tom has developed many, many strong working relationships with Somerset residents, and they have relied on him to receive a service or answer a question, sometimes not even related to our municipality. We are proud that he has distinguished himself with the **Maryland Municipal Clerks Association** and, as many will recall, was named **Clerk of the Year in 2006**.

As his tenure ends at the end of this month, no one will miss him more than I will. However, Tom has left the Town in such good shape that his successor, the Council, and I are anticipating a smooth passing of the torch.

On behalf of the Council, staff, and residents, I want to publicly say **“thank you”** to Tom and wish him the best. And of course, we will invite him back for major Somerset functions in the future.

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## Safety on River Road

By Cathy Pickar, Council member

Several of you have pointed out that there are safety concerns regarding the intersection of **River Road** (State Road 190) and **Greystone** and at **River Road** and **Little Falls**.

The first concern is the potential danger as a car exits Somerset from Greystone to turn left onto River Road. Because of the road configuration, drivers traveling from **Friendship Heights** on River who plan to turn left onto Little Falls can

move into the left turn lane before the Greystone intersection. During congested traffic times, it is not unusual for northwest bound traffic on River to allow a person exiting from Greystone to pass perpendicularly in front of them to cross the two lanes and turn left. However, the car that moves into the River Road left turn lane before they are supposed to (in order to beat the congestion) could crash into the car exiting from Greystone. State highway engineers could better advise us as to what solution, if any, could increase the safety of the intersection such as **flexible posts** placed on River Road to prevent cars from moving into the turn lane too early

Another concern is the lack of a **crosswalk** on the Friendship Heights side of the intersection of River Road and Little Falls Parkway. In order for Somerset pedestrians to take a River Road bus to Friendship Heights, they must cross Little Falls Parkway, River Road on the Potomac side of the intersection, and then Little Falls Parkway again in order to get to the bus stop for the ride to Friendship Heights. The question is why there isn’t a crosswalk on the Friendship Heights side of the River Road and Little Falls Parkway intersection.

I have asked our State representatives to look into the configuration of crosswalks and traffic patterns at River Road and Little Falls and put us in touch with someone from the State who can address our concerns. I will keep you posted.

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**“River Road  
(State Road 190)  
and Greystone  
and at  
River Road and  
Little Falls”**

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# Things Burglars Wouldn't Like You To Know (Part 1)

By Birdie Pieczenik, Security Committee Chair



"The Tipster"

The "tips" below, from burglars, appeared on my email last week. It's some old stuff said in a new way; but I think they are fun

to read, think about, and then take action.

1. Hey, thanks for letting me use the **bathroom** when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
2. Love those **flowers**. That tells me you have taste. And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
3. Yes, I really do look for **newspapers** piled up on the driveway, and I might leave a **pizza flyer** in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
4. If it **snows** while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
5. If **decorative glass** is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
6. A good security company alarms the window **over the sink** and the windows on the **second floor**, which often access the master

bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

7. It's **raining**, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
8. I always **knock first**. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
9. Do you really think I won't look in your **sock drawer**? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
10. **Helpful hint**: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

**Sources:** Convicted burglars in **North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky**; Security Consultant **Chris McGoey**, who runs [www.crimedoctor.com](http://www.crimedoctor.com); and **Richard T. Wright**, a criminology professor at the **University of Missouri—St. Louis** who interviewed 105 burglars for his book "**Burglars on the Job**."

## At-Large County Council Candidates Forum

Thursday, September 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

4H Center, 7100 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase

Before the primaries on **September 14**, come hear all candidates for the four **At-Large County Council** seats as they discuss major issues concerning our community.

Incumbents **Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal, and Duchy Trachtenberg** go head-to-head with their Democratic challengers—**Fred Evans, Hans Riemer, Becky Wagner, and Jane de Winter**. They'll be joined by **Robert Dyer** and **Brandon Rippeon**, the two At-Large Republican candidates.

Become informed and vote in the primaries on September 14, and on **Election Day, November 2**.



## Tree Removal

By Tom Carter, Clerk-Treasurer

Our tree maintenance company has recommended we remove six trees. One is a dead sugar maple, #228, at 5712 **Surrey Street**. The tree is actually on **Dorset Avenue**. Another tree for removal

is a dead red oak, #284, at 4706 **Essex Avenue**. Another almost dead red oak, #313, at 4815 **Essex Avenue** also needs to be taken down, as it is not likely to survive.

The remaining three trees are unnumbered trees in **Capello Park** near the Dorset entrance at **Wisconsin Avenue**: a dying wild cherry, a dead elm, and a dead black locust. These trees have been marked with red flagging tape.

Permission to do the recommended work is on the Town Council agenda for the **August 2** meeting.

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



## Found

Renters over the **June 12-13** weekend left a multi-colored **lunch bag** with a freezer block in it in the **Town Hall freezer**. If these belong to you, please call the office at **301-657-3211**.

## Town Trees and Grounds

Don't forget to help us by **watering** the Town trees in your yard when no rain has fallen in several days.

## Sidewalk Cleaning

Residents are reminded that they are responsible for keeping their **sidewalks** clear of debris, hedges, and other plantings.

Section 4-103 of the Town Code says that owners and occupants of houses shall:

- “(a) maintain the land between their property and the street curb in good and orderly condition; and,
- “(b) clean the Town sidewalk in front, and on the side, of their property and keep the sidewalk free from overhanging shrubbery.”

## MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in **Friendship Heights** on Monday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Bethesda Community Shred

Shred and recycle your confidential documents upstairs at **Bethesda Row, 7131 Arlington Road** on Sunday, August 15, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The service is free. For more information, call **301-762-6990**.

## Examiner Delivery

If you would like to have delivery of the **Examiner** stopped for any reason, call their circulation desk at **800-531-1223**, or e-mail them at [circulation@washingtonexaminer.com](mailto:circulation@washingtonexaminer.com).

## 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 one dead and one dying hemlock in his back yard.

**Vicky Blooston**, 4821 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a dying cherry tree in her front yard.

**Phyllis Wiesenfelder**, 4812 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a leaning mulberry in her back yard.

**Alice Rogoff**, 4814 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a dead and a leaning mulberry in her back yard.

**Carina and Michael Veksler**, 5531 Warwick Place, to remove a dead red maple in their back yard.



## Letters to the Editor

**From Julie Burfield, Essex Avenue – Reference Letter to the Editor in the June 19 Journal**

I totally concur with **Harry Rand** of **Greystone Street**, particularly with the idea that such a major decision could possibly be made by so few individuals. A Town-wide referendum is necessary—whether or not it is written somewhere in the by-laws that it is not necessary. Spending so much money in such financially difficult times is irresponsible, particularly when most of the money has to be borrowed and those of us who do not approve are simply passed over as insignificant. Not the way to run a Township!

Talking about running a Township—the idea of the only voice of reason in the Town Hall retiring is very sad and worrying—Tom will be sorely missed.

# Somerset Artists on Display for the Month of August in Friendship Heights

By Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Our Town has several dozen working artists, and 14 of them will be participating in a show from the August 2 to 29) at the nearby **Friendship Heights Village Center**, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase—just steps away from Somerset. The show will be dedicated to the memory of longtime resident Alice Rowen, who lived on Warwick Place for half a century, was a great patron of the arts, and helped organize the last such exhibition.

There will be a reception open to all residents and their guests on **Sunday, August 8**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The exhibit includes works in a wide variety of media from the following artists: **Cathy Abramson, Judy Baldinger, Makarand Dehejia, Ursula Dehejia, Florence Gang, Len Harris, Carol Jason, Jan Kaufman, Heather Kaye, Joan Krash, Dick Lasner, Lois Levitan, Vicki Malone, Barton Rubenstein, Pat Silbert, and Lila Snow.**

As a preview, a large piece by noted sculptor **Rubenstein** is already on display in the Village Center lobby this month. Everyone is urged to stop by now, and again in August.

## Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

### Recycling Guide

YES		NO	
 <p><b>Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drink boxes</li> <li>• milk cartons</li> <li>• newspaper and inserts</li> <li>• white or colored paper</li> <li>• food and snack boxes</li> <li>• hard and soft cover books</li> <li>• greeting cards</li> <li>• non-foil gift wrap</li> <li>• catalogs and magazines</li> <li>• junk mail</li> <li>• phone books</li> <li>• bagged shredded paper</li> <li>• three ring binders</li> </ul>		<p><b>Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper towels</li> <li>• tissues</li> <li>• food-soiled paper plates or cups</li> <li>• foil gift wrap</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Plastic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bottles (milk jugs, soda, detergent, salad dressing, cooking oil, shampoo, liquid soap, spray products, etc.)</li> <li>• tubs</li> <li>• jars</li> <li>• trays</li> <li>• disposable cups</li> <li>• plates</li> <li>• flower pots</li> <li>• toys</li> <li>• buckets</li> <li>• plastic grocery bags bundled together</li> </ul>		<p><b>Plastic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam</li> <li>• plastic clam shells (packaging for electronics, toys, batteries, etc.)</li> <li>• CD jewel cases</li> <li>• motor oil containers</li> <li>• pesticide or solvent bottles</li> <li>• VHS tapes</li> <li>• plastic electronics</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Cans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aluminum and steel cans (drink, food, and pet food)</li> <li>• EMPTY aerosol cans (hairspray, whipped cream, etc.)</li> <li>• aluminum foil</li> <li>• pie and cake pans</li> </ul>		<p><b>Cans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• propane cylinders</li> <li>• beach or lawn chairs</li> <li>• pots and pans</li> <li>• scrap metal</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Glass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any color glass</li> <li>• bottles</li> <li>• jars</li> </ul>		<p><b>Glass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• window glass</li> <li>• drinking glasses</li> <li>• mirrors</li> <li>• ceramics</li> <li>• crystal</li> <li>• cookware</li> <li>• light bulbs</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Cardboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flatten all boxes to less than 4' x 6'</li> <li>• bundling is preferred but not required</li> <li>• bundles should be no higher than 6 inches</li> </ul>		<p><b>Cardboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam inserts</li> <li>• food-soiled boxes</li> </ul>	

Please no yardwaste or trash in your recycling container.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

I am pleased to report that the ad hoc search committee appointed to conduct a search for our next **clerk/treasurer/administrator** has completed its task. Council members **Marnie Shaul**, **Barbara Zeughauer**, and I advertised the position and subsequently interviewed six candidates from the large list of applicants. While the number of highly qualified persons interested in the job complicated the choice, we did in fact make an offer to the one we felt best suited for the

position. His name is **Josh Russin**, and he currently works for the **Governor**. Josh will begin work **August 9** and become oriented by **Tom Carter** before his last day on **July 30**. I thank the committee for their hard work in completing this important assignment. There will be more complete work on this in next month's **Journal**.

There was a large turnout at the Town's annual **Independence Day** event in spite of the record heat. Council member **Bill Farley** and two others presented the flags, **Bess Pickar**, daughter of Council member **Cathy Pickar**, delivered a beautiful rendition of the national anthem, and a number of young residents, organized by **Gina Pack** (Surrey), read us the **Declaration of Independence**, as has become our tradition. I was delighted at the long round of applause provided for Tom Carter, our retiring Clerk-Treasurer. We were also pleased to hear holiday remarks from Congressman **Chris Van Hollen**, County Executive **Ike Leggett**, State Senator **Brian Frosh** (Grantham), Delegates **Susan Lee** and **Bill Frick**, At-Large County Council members **Nancy Floreen**, **George Leventhal**, and **Marc Elrich**, along with our own District One Council member **Roger Berliner**. It is to our credit that so many of these elected leaders take the time to stop by, and we appreciate it. We also presented gifts to all of our graduates and gave out certificates to the new record holders on the swim team. Thanks to our Special Events Chair **Ann Brown** (Trent) for her help in putting together another significant celebration. Later that day I represented the Town at our neighboring **Village of Friendship Heights's** holiday event where I addressed a large audience to bring greetings from our residents. At that event, U.S. Senator **Ben Cardin** attended, and an award was presented to our Congressman.

In late June, Council members Shaul, Farley and I attended the annual **Maryland Municipal League** convention in **Ocean City**, where we expanded our knowledge through seminars, networking, and plenary sessions. We also had the opportunity to interact with officials from the various State agencies that affect us and talk to numerous vendors at the large trade show that is incorporated into the convention. As occurs every year I attend this convention, I come back energized and brimming with new ideas that I hope to apply during the course of the next year. It also reminds me of the tremendous value of our MML membership, as we can rely on the resources of the organization in a variety of ways. For those interested in learning more about the League, I would suggest visiting their website at [www.mdmunicipal.org](http://www.mdmunicipal.org).

Because of Tom Carter's know how, he went directly to **FEMA** to apply for the funds we are entitled to that will help compensate for part of the **large snow removal bill** we incurred last winter. Accordingly, the Town will be receiving our **\$24,000** reimbursement faster than if we had gone through the State. Tom's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Somerset native **Corrie Morsey** (Surrey), who has worked as a "deputy" to Tom Carter for too many years to count, and who also served with distinction as the Chair of our **Parks and Natural Resources Committee** has quietly moved to **retirement status** as of the end of June. Her contributions to the Town are enormous, and I personally have appreciated her professionalism and loyalty. Both she and Tom will be honored at a staff lunch.

We have so much enjoyed working with our Town Arborist **Barb Neal** over the past several years and are saddened by her departure from the staff. Barb made the decision some months ago to relocate her family to **Upstate New York** in order to be closer to parents and siblings in that area. We are fortunate for the policies and procedures that she has put in place to protect our trees and parkland and will continue to rely on her advice in the future.

Thank you to those who complimented me for my recent column in the **Town Journal** on the subject of civil disobedience. More importantly, I am hoping that it has helped residents become more understanding of the value of our democratically enacted laws and rules. In practical terms, I have noted that this month several residents seemed more cooperative in accepting a code enforcement action and a decision on an application procedure. All of our laws are put in place for the benefit of everyone in Somerset.

## Journal Guidelines

- 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.
- Maximum length of obituaries and unsolicited articles by residents, 300 words.
- Maximum length of Letters to the Editor, 150 words.
- 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.



# Legislation

## At the July 6 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved a resolution regarding the specifics of the proposed bank loan with SunTrust Bank.
  2. Introduced an ordinance to provide for regulation and fees for portable storage units and dumpsters within the Town, deletion of retaining wall exemption, and clarifying other permits relating to construction.
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# Council Activity

## At the July 6 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 7, 2010, regular and June 14 and 21 special meetings.
2. Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Davenport & Company, LLC, to act as the Town financial advisor at a cost of \$20,000.
3. Authorizing \$10,000 to cover expense fees for McInturff Architects not initially included in funding authorization.
4. Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Randall C. Allen, PC, to review the bathhouse construction contract.
5. Postponed action on a contract with Thierren Waddell Construction Group to renovate pool bathhouse at cost of up to \$1,900,000 to work out final details. Set a special Council meeting date of July 19 at 4 p.m. for action with a backup of July 26 at 7:30 p.m.
6. Authorized the purchase of cedar louvers for the new bathhouse at a cost of \$14,512 to realize a significant savings in costs.
7. Authorized the payment of (1) annual dues of \$5,455.01 to the Maryland Municipal League for FY-11 and (2) annual premium of \$6,210.00 to the Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program.
8. Approved the building permit application by Steve and Cindy Arkin, 5520 Trent Street, to incorporate the existing porch into the house and slightly enlarging the house, plus removal of one tree, subject to receipt of a County permit and Town fees and deposit.
9. Approved the recommendation by the Town Arborist to remove four Town trees: 1) a dying cherry, #382, at 4714 Fal stone Avenue and 2-4) three unnumbered trees in Vinton Park behind 5411 and 5413 Trent Street, two dead and a dying tulip poplar. (Vote: Farley, Pickar, Shaul and Zeughauser for; Proctor opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
10. Authorized spending up to \$15,000, the budgeted amount, to hire off-duty County police for FY11.
11. Confirmed the Mayor's reappointment of David Sacks to the Batting Cage Committee for a two-year term.
12. Discussed the pool guest member policy and billing of guest fees to date.

# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Meeting of Town Council

Monday, August 2, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

### Work Session of Town Council

Review of Council Follow-up List – 7:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting of Town Council

1. Approval of minutes of the July 19 special meeting – 7:30 p.m.
2. Suggestions and questions from residents – 7:35 p.m.
3. Action on the following transfers for FY10: – 7:45 p.m.

Amount	From	To
\$10,000	GF Trees Contract	GF Salaries/Wages
\$11,000	GF Pool	GF Legal
\$ 8,000	GF Trees Contract	GF Cable TV
\$13,000	GF Pool	GF Recycling

4. Action on renewal of Town membership in Montgomery Municipal Cable by contributing \$6,000 of the County franchise fees we receive – 7:50 p.m.
5. Fact finding hearing and action on application by Barbara Zeughauser and George Schlossberg, 5412 Trent Street, to add a screened porch to the rear of their house – 8:00 p.m.
6. Fact finding hearing and action on fence waiver application by Tom Joseph, 5604 Surrey Street, to erect a fence closer to the street than the 20-foot setback – 8:10 p.m.
7. Fact finding hearing and action on application by Michael and Carina Veksler, 5531 Warwick Place, to add a small addition to the rear of their house and remove one tree – 8:20 p.m.
8. Action on ordinance to provide for regulation and fees for portable storage units and dumpsters within the Town, deletion of retaining wall exemption, and clarifying other permits relating to construction – 8:30 p.m.
9. Action on recommendation by Davey Tree to remove six Town trees: 1) #228, a dead sugar maple, at 5712 Surrey Street; 2) #284, a dead red oak, at 4706 Essex Avenue; 3) #313, an almost dead red oak, at 4815 Essex Avenue; and 4–6) three unnumbered trees in Capello Park near the Dorset entrance at Wisconsin Avenue: a dying wild cherry, a dead elm and a dead black locust – 8:35 p.m.
10. Discussion of snow removal contract for 2010–11 season – 8:40 p.m.
11. Mayor's report – 8:45 p.m.
12. Update on pool renovation – 8:50 p.m.\*\*
13. Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.

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*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.



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