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Don't Miss the Town of Somerset's July Fourth Celebration!

All Town Residents are invited to the old-time festivities taking place on the 4th of July at Town Hall.



The picnic begins at noon—bring your own picnic lunch and blanket—the Town will provide birthday cupcakes, ice cream and punch under the shade of our huge tent.

The program begins at **12:45 p.m.** with the **Color Guard** and **National Anthem**. **Mayor Slavin** will introduce special guests, honor this year's graduates, and read the names of our swim team record holders.

Again this year, the celebration will be filled with games and fun! Get ready for the egg toss, the mummy wrap, races, and more! And thanks to the **BCC Rescue Squad**, youngsters will have fun inspecting fire and rescue trucks.

Follow the kids on their decorated bikes as we parade down to the Somerset Pool at **2:00 p.m.** for water games and fun in the sun. We'll have the traditional coin toss, water balloons, greased watermelon and more! The pool closes at **6:00 p.m.**

The whole Town is invited, so plan to be there to celebrate with us!

Sunday, July 4th

Noon – Picnic at Somerset Town Hall

12:45 p.m. – Program and Games

2:00 p.m. – Parade to the Pool on Decorated Bikes

2:30 p.m. – Pool Games

If you have a graduate whose name you would like to include in the ceremony, please email **Mayor Slavin** at mayor@townofsomerset.com

Hope to see you all on the Fourth!

Summer Brown Bag Lunch Set for Friday, July 23

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

The next quarterly Brown Bag Lunch—providing an opportunity for residents to get better acquainted with elected officials and neighbors—has been set for **Friday, July 23** from **Noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. Come tell us about your summer plans, talk about Town issues, or discuss the upcoming **State and County elections**.

As always, please bring a sandwich or dish to share. Beverages, napkins, and utensils are provided. If there are any questions, please call me at **301-657-2229**.

Calendar

Sunday, July 4

Fourth of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 6

Council Meeting

Monday, July 19

MVA Mobile Office

Friday, July 23

Brown Bag Lunch

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**.

Council Votes to Proceed with Pool Facility Renovation Project

By Alan Proctor, Contract Officer and Council member



Somerset Pool Facility Renovation Project.

The Town Council voted at its monthly Council meeting on **June 7** to proceed with the pool facility renovation project this year, to move forward with negotiation of a construction contract with Gaithersburg-based **Therrien addell (TW) Construction**, and to arrange financing for the long-planned renovation of the pool facility. All five

Council members supported renovating the pool facility. The Council also voted to proceed with three of the four optional **“add-alternates”** that were specified and go beyond the work in the base bid. These include widening the raised east-terrace sitting area along the east side of the pool, building a shade structure at the north end of the terrace (which would be the far end, nearest to the picnic area), and upgrading planned louvers on the new bathhouse to cedar. The proposal to add a **“nano wall”** system to the new pavilion structure, which is an attractive moveable wall system with large glass panels that would permit us to enclose the pavilion structure for use in inclement weather or extended season use for community activities, was not adopted though it remains an option for the future.

In addition to the cost of the construction contract, which TW has proposed to complete for a price of **\$1,764,868** there is about **\$268,000** in **“soft costs”** that will need to be paid for such things as permits, legal and financing services, various construction testing and inspection services, and project management fees. Council Vice Chair **Marnie Shaul** explains in a separate article how the project will be financed.

Construction will start this fall after an early close of the pool on **Labor Day**, and it will be completed before the pool season begins next May.

The Council selected TW as the bidder with which to begin contract negotiations over a second bidder that offered a slightly lower price, based on consideration of additional factors specified in the procurement documents. The vote to proceed with TW was 4-1; **Bill Farley**, who supported moving ahead with the second bidder, a larger company that offered a slightly lower price, voted against the motion to proceed to negotiations with TW. The Council also directed the project team to review pricing of the selected add-alternates with TW.

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

The meeting was well attended, with 35-40 residents joining in a robust discussion that revisited many of the issues and opportunities raised over the past five years of the project planning, plus the challenges that our Town and residents have faced during the recession and ongoing recovery.

In the end, I believe the Council's action reflects a judgment that the project is an important investment to make in a key Town asset; it addresses the many immediate issues we face with the current facility, and will provide an attractive renovated facility designed by an award-winning architect at a highly competitive and affordable price, and which will serve our community well for the next **30 or 40 years**.

Additional information about the project is included on a special website linked from the Town's homepage at townofsomerset.com.

Financing the Pool Facility Project

By Marnie Shaul, Council member



Over the past year, the Council has explored several ways to finance the pool facility project, including using funds in the Town's Capital Projects Fund. In the FY11 budget, the Council set aside **\$500,000** from this fund to invest in the project. It also set aside another \$500,000 in contingency funds. The contingency funds are for two unknowns: **\$200,000** (approximately 10 percent of construction costs) for unanticipated items that might come up or for potential cost overruns, and **\$300,000** for repairing pipes to the pool if it is determined that some of the pipe

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On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Civil Disobedience

Our municipality was formed over **100 years** ago, and since then Somerset citizens, by way of their democratically elected Town Council, have had the ability to enact laws and make official policy. This has enabled us to make many of our own decisions to maintain and enhance our quality of life without having to go to the **County** or **State** for help.

Over time, through a legislative process requiring lots of citizen input, the Town has put in place laws and regulations on many topics, all nicely contained in our highly accessible **Town Code** and publicized in our **Town newsletter**. As a result, for example, dogs must be **leashed** at all times, we have **speed humps** and **stop signs**, guests must pay a **fee** at the pool, the swim team is for **residents only**, we have a tree **monoculture program**, and **trash service** is weekly. Before putting these laws and regulations into place, there was discussion and debate. Ultimately, our **elected** representatives made decisions based on the **public** interest.

Once enacted, it then becomes problematic as to how, when, and why to enforce these regulations. This is the duty of the **administrative branch—Mayor and staff**—to oversee such enforcement without an abundance of resources; and without an abundance of resources we have to rely on citizens being in voluntary compliance.

On the other hand, since our Town has a highly educated population, many are aware of the concept of civil disobedience; the **non-violent** refusal to obey certain laws. Historically, this philosophy was used to overthrow the **British in India**, the **communists in East Germany**, and the **segregationists in the American South** with complete justification.

So when I see the same dogs day after day walking **unleashed**, certain drivers who are publicly **opposed** to stop signs routinely running through them, and blatant **violations** of guest privileges at the pool, should I conclude that these are legitimate acts of civil disobedience? I think not. There is no equating of our laws with legitimate oppression.

Please everyone; **follow the rules and laws of Somerset**, even if you disagree. They were all enacted democratically and for the public good. If you choose to ignore them, you will likely be **finned**, or at least given **disrespect** by your neighbors. If you want to change the laws, get active with other citizens and use the wonderful legislative process in place. It's not fair for others if you decide you are exempt from the laws.



Town Hall Tidbits | By Tom Carter, Clerk-Treasurer



Somerset Quiet Hours

Don't forget Town **noise limitations** between the hours of **9:00 p.m.** and **9:00 a.m.** daily. This applies to noise from sources associated with residential living, such as **blowers, power mowers, and chain saws.**

The same hours apply to **construction on Saturdays and holidays**; it may occur only between **9:00 a.m.** and **9:00 p.m.** Only **quiet interior** work that cannot be heard by neighbors may be performed on Sundays. On weekdays, it is legal to start at **7:00 a.m.**

Vacation Precautions

A few precautions may enhance your vacation this year. Consider these before you leave:

1. Cancel your **newspapers** and get a neighbor to pick up newspapers and flyers that are deposited on your property.
2. Arrange to have your **lawn cut** while you are away.
3. Give a **key** to a neighbor just in case of emergency.
4. Arrange to have a neighbor, friend, or relative know how to **turn off** your **security system** if it is activated.
5. Consider putting **timers** on some of the lights in your home and set them to come on at different times. You might even turn a radio on or put it on a timer.



Lock Doors, Cars, and Garages

It's that time of year when you are out in your back yard and you have left your front door unlocked. This makes it very tempting for unwanted visitors. **Please lock your doors.**

It is also a good idea to remember to lock your car and garage doors. Bikes can easily be taken out of unlocked garages. Daylight hours are getting longer and more people are walking around Town. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Town Trees and Grounds



With summer coming, we ask you to **please water** the Town trees in your yards when no rain has fallen in several days.

Don't forget, the **Somerset Grounds Ordinance** states that it shall be the duty of owners of all dwellings to maintain the land between their property lines and the street curb in "**good and orderly condition,**" to clean the sidewalks in front of their property, and keep them free from overhanging shrubbery.

Please do not put grass down the storm drains. Also, do not use the trash containers around Town for your personal household trash. There is **no dumping** at the pool parking lot or at the end of **Warwick Place.**

MVA Mobile Office

The MVA's mobile office will be in **Friendship Heights on Monday, July 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Permits Granted



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

Trees:

Thomas Dimond, 4914 Dorset Avenue, to remove four Leyland cypresses damaged by the February storms.

Jim Mahoney, 4905 Cumberland Avenue, to remove a storm-damaged ornamental cherry in his back yard.

Elizabeth Thompson and **Stephen Surko**, 5500 Uppingham Street, to remove a falling spruce and a damaged and decaying burford holly in their yard.

Fences:

Rob McGarrah, 4608 Dorset Avenue, to replace the existing retaining wall on the west side of his driveway.



Single Stream Recycling is Here

By Miriam Soroush, Dorset Avenue

Single Stream recycling is up and running. Details on what can go into your recycling bin or rolling can are in the chart. It's simple and easy; just toss all recyclable materials into your bin or cart. No sorting, no separate paper bags needed.

While we are awaiting completion of our rolling cart delivery we are single streaming now. Our waste contractor tells us that we are recycling lower volumes than other neighborhoods. Hopefully, with the ease of single stream we can lower our landfill trash and increase our recycling.

Single Stream Recycling Chart Sample

Recycling Guide

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

You don't have to remove lids, caps or labels!

Please no yardwaste or trash in your recycling container.

Tree Removal

By Corrie Morsey, Parks and Natural Resources Chair

Town arborist, **Barb Neal**, has recommended that we remove three trees and partially take down another. One is a dying cherry, #382, located at **4714 Falstone Avenue**. It has multiple fungal decay organisms, dieback, and the like. She's been watching this tree for some time and believes it should be removed and replanted in kind.

The three remaining trees are located in **Vinton Park** behind **5411 and 5413 Trent Street**. Two are completely dead, and could pose a threat to property. The third is a tulip poplar with a 44-inch diameter base; but only 7-8 inches is structural wood. However, since it is in the woods and has less wind exposure than an open grown tree, she recommends that we severely prune it or remove the top and leave the remaining trunk for wildlife. Two of these trees can be identified by red flagging tape and the third has a **Private Property sign** on it.

Permission to do the recommended work is on the Town Council agenda for the **July 6 meeting**.



Tree Removal in Somerset



Letters to the Editor

From Roz Harris, Trent Street

This is not the first time this has happened to **Len** or me, but today's was the worst experience.

Attempting to turn South on **River Road** from the Somerset entrance at **Greystone**, a tractor-trailer and a car were stopped and waiting for me to drive onto River Rd. I inched out carefully, and at the last moment, when I decided all was clear and was looking north and starting to cross the intersection beyond them, a car going north zoomed by at high speed and had to pull out to avoid me. The driver had obviously pulled out into the "**yellow zone**" six or seven cars south of the intersection at full speed coming up the hill. He looked surprised as he passed me.

If you have had a similar experience please let me know. With this information I will alert the authorities, and hopefully something will be done about the situation.

Phone 301-656-1807, or email lenrozharris@verizon.net

From Harry Rand, Greystone Street

I was saddened—as I suppose we all were—upon reading the Mayor's column last month, to learn that some **Town officials** have been the victims of **uncivilized language**. Rather than having these officials slandered as chowder heads or mooncalves, it might be better to have major decisions put to a town-wide referendum to obviate any ex-post-facto finger pointing. No member of the Town Council can be called a lunkhead if responsibility for large decisions, like funding a major pool renovation, is spread throughout the Town, and then no one can be targeted unfairly or become the victim of unduly harsh language.

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joints are in need of repair when the deck is opened during construction. The Council hopes that much of the **\$500,000** contingency funds it has set aside will not be needed and will remain in the **Town's Capital Projects Fund**.

At this time (mid-June), we don't have the exact project total because final contract proceedings with the general contractor that the Council selected are ongoing, and some of the financing costs are being negotiated. However, it appears that the remaining project costs are about **\$2.18 million** (of which about **\$1.89** are construction costs). This means that Somerset will need to borrow about **\$1.7 million** (**\$2.18M** less the **\$500,000** from **Somerset's Capital Projects Fund**).

Somerset has talked with several banks and the State's infrastructure program. Somerset expects to finalize the terms of the loan during the latter half of June. The most likely outcome is that Somerset will obtain funds from a bank through what is called a bank-qualified bond. The bank will hold this tax-exempt instrument in its portfolio for the term of the loan. Our goal is to **amortize the loan over 20 years**, but the length of the loan is more likely to be 10 or 15 years with a renewal or balloon payment at the end of the term. The Council expects that the debt service (repayment of principal and interest) can be paid from anticipated revenues. This spring the Council **discussed reinstating** pool membership fees as a partial source of funds for debt service. However, it was decided **not to do so** because the pool committee recommended against membership fees, and most residents who sent the Council comments did not favor membership fees because of the important role the pool plays in building community in Somerset. Once project numbers and loan costs are finalized, exact details will be published.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Congratulations are in order to Council member **Bill Farley** (Grantham), who has been elected **Chairman** of the **Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee**. This is an important post, and having Council member Farley as chair will be a significant benefit to the Town. It is a tribute to Bill that this committee recognized his hard work and leadership skills in electing him Chairman.

Sadly, there were several reports of **minor vandalism** in Somerset over a recent weekend, including the theft of a couple of municipal trash containers. I thank those residents who made the reports to me and ask everyone to call the police immediately if they observe any suspicious activity, especially at night. Several residents have notified me when persons have been milling around the bathhouse after hours, and we have notified authorities of this. Please remember to keep all your windows and doors locked at this time of year, and secure motor vehicles, because last summer—particularly in August—we had a number of houses and cars “**hit**.”

While **Sarah Morse** (Dorset) does a yeoman’s job as webmaster of the **list_serv** she independently runs for Town residents, may I remind everyone that the best way to make a comment or ask a question about specific Town matters is by writing to **mayor@townofsomerset.com** and **Council@townofsomerset.com**, so you will be sure to get an official answer and/or a particular service. This is especially important because the Town staff does not access the **list_serv** for a variety of good reasons, so you are not guaranteed the quickest service or the fastest answer by trying to communicate that way. But I don’t at all want to discourage use of the **list_serv** and the lively discussion of Town issues, because I read it religiously as, I believe, all the Council members do.

Kudos to the **new** Swimming Pool Committee **Chair Barbara Condos** (Falstone) who has overseen the installation of a new management company and new check-in system for the pool at the same time. Her leadership, hard work, and good humor are to be commended and the feedback I am getting is glowing. It’s a constant reminder to me that the Town could not survive without our incredible volunteers.

Since it is one of my personal goals to make Somerset greener, I want to continue to urge everyone to “**opt in**” to receiving the Town Journal delivered to your **email address** instead of your **U.S. mailbox**. The publishing and paper costs are becoming prohibitive, and with the **U.S. Postal Service** in such a sorry state of affairs, we don’t get the same kind of timely delivery as in past years. I am setting the example myself as I have already emailed the Town staff at **clerk@townofsomerset.com** to make this request. Let’s hope when we do the Town budget for **FY12** we can lower the line item for the Journal publication by a significant percent.

I have formed a search committee with Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) and Council member **Barbara Zeughouser** (Trent) to identify the name of a **new** Clerk-Treasurer that I will eventually submit to the Town Council for approval, probably by the **August meeting**. The job is currently being advertised in quite a few places, and as of this writing we have received a number of resumes. Interviews will follow. It’s not too late—and I would encourage anyone who knows a suitable candidate with the requisite financial, writing, management, and people skills to get in touch with me and I will tell them how to apply.

With each passing week, the delivery issues related to the transition to our new contractor **Unity Disposal and Recycling** continue to dwindle. Feel free to let the staff and I know if you are having a problem, but please always call Unity first at **301-490-8604**, because that is how the contract is set up, just like the last one, and it is always better to talk to the vendor directly.

Finally, I received an email from a resident who had noticed a number of youngsters on **scooters** who were not paying attention to traffic and could have gotten hurt. I would like to urge all parents to remind their kids to be careful on scooters and bikes, and be particularly mindful of pedestrians.

Happy start of summer to everyone and safe travels throughout the season.

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 June 7 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved Town Code amendments to increase permitting fees and impose new ones for storage pods/containers, retaining walls and dumpsters. (Vote: Shaul, Pickar, Proctor and Zeughauser for; Farley opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
2. Approved a Town Code amendment to correct an omission on Ordinance 1-09 on tree diameter and height in Section 8-303.

At the June 14 special meeting, the Town Council introduced legislation to obtain bond financing.

Council Activity

At the June 7 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Approved the minutes of the May 3, 2010, regular meeting and May 10, 2010, closed and special meetings as submitted.
2. Approved a retainer agreement with Town Attorney Norman Knopf based on a minimum rate of 87 hours' use. (Vote: Shaul, Pickar, Proctor and Zeughauser for; Farley opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
3. Approved the following fund transfers for FY-10:

Amount	From	To
\$5,000	CPF Town Hall	CPF Streets
\$3,000	CPF Major Equipment	CPF Streets

(Vote: Shaul, Pickar, Proctor and Zeughauser for; Farley opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)

4. Approved a building permit for Ruth Lis and Mark Perlis, 4518 Dorset Avenue, to replace their current deck and stair in the rear with a screened porch, smaller attached deck and descending spiral stair, subject to receipt of a County permit and Town fees and deposit.
5. Approved the recommendations of the Environmental Committee to use a \$7,000 State EmPOWER grant by disbursing \$2,000 for two induction streetlights and \$5,000 to make Town Hall more energy efficient.
6. Approved negotiating with a general contractor for renovation of the pool bathhouse as follows:
 - Base bid: \$1.46 million with Company B. (Vote: Shaul, Zeughauser, Pickar and Proctor for; Farley opposed. Motion passed 4-1.)
 - Add-alternate 1 (east terrace): \$69,517. (Vote: Shaul, Proctor and Zeughauser for; Farley and Pickar opposed. Motion passed 3-2.)

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- Add-alternate 2 (shade pavilion): \$28,980. (Vote: Zeughauser, Farley, Proctor for; Shaul and Pickar opposed. Motion passed 3-2.)
 - Add-alternate 3 (close off west side with nano wall): \$151,346. (Vote: unanimously opposed. Motion failed 0-5.)
 - Add-alternate 4 (cedar louvers): \$28,512. (Vote: Shaul, Zeughauser and Proctor for; Farley and Pickar opposed. Motion passed 3-2.)
7. Set Council meetings for June 14 and 23 to introduce and pass legislation authorizing a loan. (The second meeting was subsequently changed to June 21.)
 8. Hired Funk & Bolton as bond counsel at a cost of up to \$12,000.
 9. Approved the Mayor's nominations of David Sapin and Rodd Macklin to two-year terms on the Batting Cage Committee and David Sapin to a two-year term as chair.
 10. Postponed a decision on hiring off-duty Montgomery County police officers during FY-11, not to exceed \$15,000.
 11. Approved the removal of a broken box elder tree that is hanging over the creek in Vinton Park behind 4514 Dorset Avenue.
 12. Confirmed of Mayor's appointment of Phyllis Wiesenfelder to complete the term of Bonnie Thomson on the Board of Supervisors of Elections, term to expire December 31, 2010.
 13. Reappointed Tom Carter as Clerk-Treasurer for FY-11 until his replacement can be hired.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Meeting of Town Council

Tuesday, July 6, 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 June 7, 2010, regular and June 14 and 21 special meetings – 7:30 p.m.
2. Discussion of financial report – 7:35 p.m.
3. Resolution on specifics of bank loan to finance the Bathhouse Project – 7:45 p.m.
4. Action authorizing \$6,200 to cover expense fees for McInturff Architects not initially included in funding authorization – 7:50 p.m.
5. Action authorizing payment of (1) annual dues of \$5,455.01 to Maryland Municipal League for FY11 and (2) annual premium of \$6,210.00 to Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program – 7:55 p.m.
6. Suggestions and questions from residents – 8:00 p.m.
7. Fact finding hearing and action on application by Steve and Cindy Arkin, 5520 Trent Street, to incorporate existing porch into house and slightly enlarging house. Removal of one tree – 8:10 p.m.
8. Introduction of 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 – 8:25 p.m.
9. Action on recommendation by Town Arborist to remove four Town trees – 8:30 p.m.**
10. Action on hiring off-duty police for FY11 – 8:35 p.m.
11. Confirmation of Mayor's nomination of David Sacks to the Batting Cage Committee for a two-year term – 8:35 p.m.
12. Mayor's report – 8:50 p.m.
13. Update on pool renovation – 8:55 p.m.**
14. Adjournment – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

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



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