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## Hot Fun In The Summertime

By Cathy Pickar, Council Member



Enjoy Summer Grilling at The Somerset Pool.

### Grilling At The Pool and Use Of The Kitchen

The Council and the Pool Committee are happy to see the pool open, and we are particularly happy to see the **new spaces** being well used, including the **new grills** with **piped-in gas**. However, in order to continue to use the facility as freely as we want, please note the following:

Be courteous to fellow residents and **clean the grill** after you use it. This is not part of the pool staff's responsibility. The Town will provide a scraper to be used on the grill.

**Kitchen** use is limited to those who reserve the kitchen for a specific approved event for which a form has been completed and submitted to Town Hall. A **smaller refrigerator** has been placed on the pavilion deck for routine daily use of keeping your food items cold until it is time to grill. Please remove your items from the refrigerator before you leave for the evening. Otherwise, the items will be discarded. Specifics on cleaning the grill will be posted later along with rules for kitchen use.

As always, if you have input for the Council as to how best to manage the new facilities, keep the kitchen and grill clean for everyone's use, please send your comments to [council@townofsomerset.com](mailto:council@townofsomerset.com), call the Council Members, or leave a message at the Town office for the Council members.



## News From The Swim Team

By Ann Brown, Swim Team Committee Chair

### We Are Near The End Of A Historic Season For The Somerset Dolphins

For the first time, the **Somerset Dolphins** swam their way to **First Place** in the **Division Relay Carnival!** Eight relay teams won their races and will compete in the county-wide **All-Star Relay Carnival** on **July 30**.

We started the season with practice at **Landon's pool** while our pool house was in the near-final stages of construction. We owe many thanks to Pool Committee Chair **Barbara Condos**, Kirby Weldon, and the rest of the **Georgetown Aquatics** pool staff, and to the **Town Council** and **Mayor** for getting us back in the pool even as final construction continued.

**In addition, many other historic and notable accomplishments:**

- **Delia Vanderzon** broke **Leah Loversky's** 8 and under **25m free record**
- **Gavin Springer** broke his own 13-14 records in **IM** and **back**, broke the **free record** formerly held by coach/swimmer **Mark Berry**, and the **fly record** held by **Tristan Kessler**.

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## Calendar

**Monday, August 1**

Council Meeting

**Monday, August 22**

MVA Mobile Office

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



# On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

## Announcement of First Town Manager

In recent decades, the role of **Town government** has expanded and intensified. Policies and procedures have been professionalized. **Residents'** desires for top quality service have increased. **Budgets** have become more important; as well as better regulations to protect and improve public health and safety have been required.

When Somerset was first established over a hundred years ago, the **volunteer** Mayor and Council ran almost everything and had limited help. However, today's **modern** government is much more complicated, to say the least, and we have **capital assets, more regulations, and many more personnel involved**. In addition, your elected officials need **expert advice** on practically every decision made.

Our charter provides for a **Clerk-Treasurer** to act as the **Chief Financial Officer**. This person has always been vital to the Town's success. It was especially the case when the recently retired **Tom Carter** served in the post, and during his tenure many duties were added to the job description, most of a management nature.

As a result, when our **Ad Hoc Personnel Committee** advertised the vacant staff position late this spring, we listed the job title as **Town Manager**. We decided this was more reflective of what the person would be expected to do.

Not surprisingly, the Committee received a high caliber group of applicants, many from outside the **Metro area**. As a result of the interview process, I am pleased to report that **Richard Charnovich** was recommended for Council approval. So Rich will serve as **Clerk-Treasurer** and **Town Manager**, but I hope we will all get in the habit of referring him by the latter title.

Rich comes to us from **Robinson Township** in **Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**, a community of over **12,000** people not far from **Pittsburgh**. His title there was **Township Manager**, and his duties included the development of a **\$9.5 million** operating budget, supervision of over **50 employees**, involvement with **union contracts**, and lots of **grant writing**. Rich holds a **Masters of Public Administration** (from the **University of Pittsburgh**) and comes to us with lots of experience with financial reports. He is currently living in the **Laurel** area and his wife is a physician affiliated with **Johns Hopkins**.

Having been on the job for a number of weeks now, Rich has already displayed a **strong work ethic** and has established **good working relationships** with key Town residents. The Council and I are looking forward to continuing to thrive and progress in many areas with the strong support of our **first official Town Manager**.

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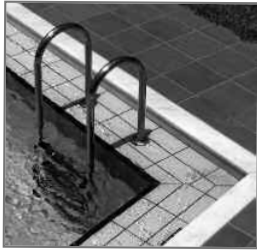
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Deadline for ads and copy is the 15th of the month at 4:30 p.m.

# Pool Committee Report

By Barbara Condos,  
Pool Committee Chair



Hopefully, by the time you read this the **upper parking lot** at the pool site will be **repaved**, the

landscaping will be **finished**, and all construction will be completed.

Pool rules for guests have changed. Town residents, as always, are members (free) and all other pool users are guests. Guest fees are **\$2.00 per day per guest**. The new guest rules are posted on the Town website.

Guest fees must be **prepaid**. Residents' accounts will be debited as guest fees and other charges are incurred. **Checks** for prepayment of pool guest fees can be mailed, left in the front door mail slot, or taken to the Town Hall. Each household has only one account against which guest fees and other costs are debited. Pool accounts are keyed to your address. Please be sure your address is printed or written on your checks and "**pool fees**" is indicated on the memo line. The only administrative functions that will take place at the pool this year are checking in members and guests and debiting guest fees.

All processing of member registrations and payments will be done at the Town Hall. For those of you who cannot come to the Town Hall during working hours, I will also be available on weekends by appointment to handle registration, issuing of key tags and taking of pictures. My e-mail is [bcondos@msn.com](mailto:bcondos@msn.com) and telephone is 301-656-0461.

If anyone is interested in doing community service, there are many opportunities at the pool. Call or email me to discuss possible projects.

## Just a few reminders:

- Please park all **bikes** and **scooters** at the **bike rack** to the left as you cross the bridge, rather than in the striped walkway or the handicapped parking area.
- The pool closes at **9:00 p.m.** except Saturday when it closes at **10:00 p.m.** Adult swim begins 15 minutes before the hour. By closing, everyone must be out of the pool. The dressing rooms close 15 minutes after pool closing. The pavilion area closes at the same time as the pool. Cleaning begins at closing
- In compliance with pool rules and state and county pool regulations, **glass, breakable containers, or breakable tableware** are **not allowed** in the pool enclosure. This is to ensure the safety of all pool users. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- No vehicles are to be parked in the **handicapped parking area** except service vehicles making deliveries and handicapped tagged vehicles. No vehicles of any kind are to be left at the pool **overnight**.
- Please place **recyclable materials** in the blue bins provided just as you do at home. Do not place containers still containing food in the recycle bins. Please check the pool **lost and found** for any articles you are missing. Anything left on **July 22, 2011** will be donated to a worthy cause.



## Here's Looking At You

By Cathy Pickar, Council Member

**Late-night pool crashing** and the heightened thrill of getting away with an **illicit summer evening swim** are part of the romantic lore of **idyllic American summers**. But, watching the increasingly **slovenly drunkenness** of the **crashers on surveillance tapes**, combined with the added guard duties of **cleaning up vomit on the pool deck** the morning after the intrusions has quickly dispelled the romance.

Our renovated pool house has **infrared surveillance cameras** that record after-hours activities at the pool and will capture pictures of the intruders. Measures such as **motion-sensor** lights around the **pool perimeter**, as well as the monitoring of the surveillance tapes in real time during the hours that the pool is closed are also being considered to deter pranks.

The Council is developing a policy for dealing with **identifiable intruders**. We would like your feedback on the following proposed policy. The policy will be reviewed by the Town attorney, and be ready to be voted on by the **August 1** Council meeting.

- If there is **malicious damage** during any intrusion, whether or not it is a first-time offense and regardless if it is a Somerset resident, the Town will give the tape and the names of any identified intruders to the police and will press charges.
- For those identified in a **first-time break in**, with no property damage, whether or not it is a Somerset resident, the Town will impose a fine (to be determined) and send a notice to the intruders (and where appropriate, the intruders' families) with a police follow-up; but, no charges will be pressed.

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# Latest News From Town Hall

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



## State Highway Projects

**MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) Safety and Resurfacing Project** Between the **DC Line** and **MD 191 (Bradley Boulevard)**, **Montgomery County**

Beginning in **July 2011**, the **Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)** will begin a safety and resurfacing project on approximately one mile of MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue) between the DC line and MD 191 (Bradley Boulevard) in **Bethesda, Chevy Chase**. The project should be complete in the spring of **2012**, weather permitting.

*The State Highway Administration will close lanes on MD 355 as follows:*

### Single Lane Closures:

- Monday through Friday, **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- Overnight, Monday through Friday, **8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

### Double Lane Closures:

- Overnight, Monday through Friday, **10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.**

If you wish to receive updates on this project, you may subscribe to the **District 3** news feed at <http://feeds.feedburner.com/ShaDistrict3News> or visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies/SHA Projects Page/Montgomery County**.



## Pepco Update

Pepco has advised the Town that they are implementing a **6-point plan** to improve the reliability of electric service in our region. There are a number of improvement projects underway throughout the Pepco service territory at this time. For further updates and information on the **Reliability Plan**, go to [www.pepco.com/energy/reliability](http://www.pepco.com/energy/reliability).

Pepco has also announced as of **June 2011** that they will begin installing advanced digital electric meters, commonly referred to as "**smart meters**," in residential homes and businesses in their **Maryland** service area. Pepco has indicated that ultimately, customers will see **fewer** estimated bills; **faster** outage detection capabilities, and **more tools** to help them better manage energy use and help the environment.

Pepco will send a letter to every customer one to four weeks before the scheduled installation. The contractor working on behalf of Pepco is **Scope Services**. Customers will receive a fact sheet that describes the installation process and what they need to do for the meter exchange. For further info,

please contact [www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com), or contact the customer call center at **202-833-7500**.

## MVA Mobile Office

The MVA Mobile Office will be at the **Friendship Heights** on **Monday, August 22** from **10:00 a.m.** until **2:00 p.m.**

## Permits Granted



The Mayor issued the following permits during the past month. The Town Council issues building permits.

### Fence and Wall Permits

#### **4909 Essex Avenue – Wall Permit**

**Wall 1** is at the left front of the house. **Wall 2** is replacement for existing wall adjacent to property at **4901 Essex**.

#### **4907 Falstone Avenue – Fence Permit**

**A Wyngate "Good Neighbor" fence** finished on both sides to be installed in the backyard.

### Tree Removal Permits

**5710 Warwick Place – Maple Tree** located in the corner of the lot (**5710 Warwick and 4702 Dorset**). The tree was hazardous.

**4706 Falstone Avenue – Maple Tree** located in the backyard. The tree was hazardous.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

As usual, our residents benefited from nice weather, and the Town's annual **July 4 celebration** was a **rousing success**. In our new tradition, all the participants in the ceremonies were **Somerset** citizens. The **Color Guard** was comprised of **Scouts** from historic **Pack 52** under the guidance of parent **Steve Surko** (Uppingham), the **national anthem** and two other **patriotic songs** were sung by the increasingly popular **Sometime Somerset Singers** under the expert guidance of Council

Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset), and the **Declaration of Independence** was read by a number of students under the tutelage of **Gina Pack** (Surrey). Thanks to **Joey** and **Tommy Turi** (Trent), **Maura Vanderzon** (Falstone), and **Lucy** and **Danny Brown** (Trent) for their help with setup, and History Committee Chair **Donna Harmon** (Dorset) for the incredible display she set up. We were also fortunate to have holiday words from County Executive **Ike Leggett**, our own Senator **Brian Frosh** (Grantham), Delegates **Susan Lee** and **Bill Frick**, and **Karen McManus**, representing our outstanding Congressman, **Chris Van Hollen**.

Next we will all look forward to a formal dedication of the **spectacular** new pool house and the annual **Welcoming Party**. Look for details in **Town media** in upcoming weeks.

After our **Independence Day** celebration was over, I made my annual trek to the July 4 event at the **Village of Friendship Heights** where I was able to thank their **Mayor** for their hosting of our first **Town of Somerset Artists show** last year and to help **honor** their awardee, Officer **Denise Gill**, the community police officer for this area, who has been extremely helpful to us on a number of occasions.

The **Council** and **Staff** gave a **farewell lunch** earlier this month for our departing Acting Clerk-Treasurer **Jerry Schiro**. Everyone appreciates the efforts Jerry made on Somerset's behalf, especially in the critical time leading up to the pool house's reopening.

Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) and I were updated on many topics once again this year at the **Maryland Municipal League** annual gathering in **Ocean City**. Among the highlights were a seminar on **Facebook** and **Twitter** communications, a speech by **Governor O'Malley** and touring the **trade shows** and **Municipal Main Street**. Several of us will also be attending the **MML Legislative Conference** this fall in **Cambridge, Maryland**.

**Especially for our newcomers:** I want everyone to know that for a small fee, anyone can still obtain the special license plate from the **State of Maryland** that celebrates Somerset and recognizes our centennial anniversary from five years ago. Please get in touch with me at [mayor@townofsomerset.com](mailto:mayor@townofsomerset.com) if you are interested. If you have not seen this beautifully designed plate, stop by my house and look at the **TOS 0004** edition on my car. There are still many low numbers available. This is an excellent way to show your pride about our beautiful little hamlet.

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**Here's Looking At You** *from page 3*

- For those identified in **subsequent break-ins**, whether residents or not, the Town will give the tape and the names of the identified intruders to the police and will press charges.

One of the more difficult aspects of reviewing **surveillance tapes**, however, is deciding who will review the tapes. A rotating multi-generational committee of residents? Pool staff? Loyalty is a worthy value. We hold friendships as a dear value. Identifying risky and possibly life-threatening behavior could help a friend, but in the short-term, it could be uncomfortable for residents.

Please send us your thoughts to [council@townofsomerset.com](mailto:council@townofsomerset.com) or call.



## Letter To The Editor

From Steven Friedman, Essex Avenue

Traffic in our region is creates one of the **worst commutes** in the country. For this and other reasons, more people are taking to **bicycles** to get to work, run errands, and for recreation. Recently, there seems to be more conflict between **cyclists** and **motorists**. The Mayor's column calls for a discussion on bike civility. I would contend that all road users must be aware of and follow the existing laws in order to reduce conflict and coexist in a civil fashion. Many road users are unaware of the rights of cyclists to operate as a vehicle, just as many are unaware of the responsibilities of motorists when interacting with other vehicles on the road.

**Maryland State Highway Administration** has some useful information about the applicable laws and helpful tips for operators of all vehicles. The link is <http://www.sha.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=357&d=74>. We are each responsible for how safely we operate our vehicles while on the road.

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News From The Swim Team *from page 1*

- **Jack Chlopak** broke **Gavin Springer's** 11-12 **backstroke record**.
- The 8 and under girls' **100m medley relay team** smashed the old Somerset Dolphins record. Congrats to **Samantha Smith, Brynn Phillips, Delia Vanderzon** and **Alison Aron**.
- The **boys' 250m freestyle relay** also broke the team record. **Congratulations** to **Hayden Bitz, Jack Chlopak, Mark Berry, Gavin Springer** and **Ian Springer**.
- A great number of our swimmers have earned **All-Star times** and many of them will be swimming in the **county-wide All-Star Meet** on **July 31: Gavin Springer, Joey Turi, Delia Vanderzon, Jack Chlopak, Samantha Smith** and **Kate Chlopak**.
- **Jack Chlopak** swam personal bests in two races and **Gavin Springer** in one at **Coaches Long Course Invitational Meet** – a prestigious event that features the **top 8 swimmers** in the entire **Montgomery County Swim League** in each event. **Congratulations!**

With all that, the team had time for **t-shirt making**, all day with the swim team including **laser tag**, all night with the swim team **locked in** at the pool, a top-notch **dessert contest, pasta dinner** and **capture the flag**, and more! If you have a child who missed all this, sign them up next year!

We have a couple of meets to go in the regular season, including one of the team's favorite events–**the Mini Meet!** Our **35 Minis** (kids ages 4-7) will compete in kickboard, freestyle, and backstroke with a little help from their teen coaches. Come watch the fun–**Friday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

The season ends on **July 23** with the **Divisional championship meet** followed by the team **Banquet** that evening. **Thank you to everyone for all the support the Town and the parents give to the team.**

# Town Council Update

## Regular Council Meeting July 5, 2011

*The Town Council met in regular session on July 5, 2011. The Council took the following actions:*

1. Approval of the June 6, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the June 20, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appointment of Richard Charnovich as Clerk/Treasurer as nominated by Mayor Slavin
4. Approval of an emergency purchase for a hot water heater located at the pool at a cost of \$9009.00
5. Approval of various Project Change Orders for the swimming pool project.
6. Approval of a legal opinion granting a building permit with waiver and related tree permits at 4728 Dorset Avenue
7. Approval of a building permit to erect a children's tree house in the rear yard at 4511 Dorset Avenue.
8. Approval of a height waiver and building permit to erect a children's tree house in the side yard at 4820 Dorset Avenue.
9. Approval of a permit to rebuild an existing screen porch at 4802 Falstone Avenue.
10. Approval of a permit to install a 17KW generator at 5524 Greystone Street in the rear yard.
11. Approval of a demolition permit at 4815 Essex Avenue. The applicant will demolish the existing house and garage.

In addition to the items approved at the Regular Meeting, the Council also heard the Financial Report from the Clerk/Treasurer, Richard Charnovich, a brief presentation by Sheriff Almiggabber of the Montgomery County Police Department, and a Pool House renovation update from Lou Balodemas, project consultant. The Council also continued a fact-finding hearing at 4909 Essex Avenue regarding ongoing construction there. The Council also agreed to reintroduce code amendments to the Town Code in relation to deposits for wall permits, regulating curb cuts, and discussion of the installation of stop signs at the 5400 block of Trent Street on the turn. These proposed amendments, as well as a discussion of the Town's enforcement of generator noise, will be discussed at the August 1, 2011 Council Meeting.



## Summer Security Reminders

By Birdie Pieczenik, Chair, Security Committee

Summer is not quite over and neither should be that extra attention this season calls for when it comes to security.

- Fix that window lock that doesn't work.
- Change those outdoor lights that have blown out.
- Pick up your vacationing neighbor's papers that are lying on the sidewalk and grass.
- Stay out of the dark shadows when walking alone at night—walk in the street if necessary.
- Call the Town Hall or the Bethesda police station if solicitors knock on your door or suspicious characters appear to “study” the sides and back of any house on your street.

For a copy of all the **Security Tips** our committee has generated over the last few years, go to the Town Hall or download them from the **Security Committee** page on the Somerset website ([www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com)). They are really good information for deterrence and prevention.

# From the Editor

Please note the following **guidelines** and follow them for your **submissions** to the **Journal**. These are necessary in order to create the **graphic layouts** for the Journal that everyone in Somerset enjoys each month. When you spend your valuable time and effort creating effects and emphasis, the **Editor** must take the time to remove all your hard work so the designer can have a clean file to begin the graphics work. If you have questions, or need guidance for the best way to get the result you want, please contact me by phone or email.

## 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.



# Recycling Guide

Town of Somerset Environment Committee  
June 2011



| 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>Plastic clam shells (used for electronics, toys, batteries, strawberries, blueberries etc.) are now recyclable.</p>                        |
|  <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>  |

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# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – Monday, August 1, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website:

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

### Regular Meeting of the Town Council

1. Approval of Council Minutes, July 5, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
2. Financial Report – 7:35 p.m.
3. Discussion/Motion to adopt a Resolution adding Rich Charnovich, Town Manager, to the SunTrust bank account signature cards – 7:40 p.m.
4. Discussion/Motion to adopt a Resolution to confirm Rich Charnovich, Town Manager, as the holder of the Town of Somerset's SunTrust Commercial Credit Card – 7:45 p.m.
5. Suggestions and Comments from Residents – 7:50 p.m.
6. Discussion/Motion regarding the bids received for the Town streets mill and overlay project – 7:55 p.m.
7. Fact-finding hearing for a permit to replace an outside air conditioning unit at 4507 Dorset Avenue. The applicants are Daniel and Kimberly Crocker. The unit serves the upper level of the house, and the location will be the same as before. – 8:05 p.m.
8. Fact-finding hearing for a building permit at 4907 Cumberland Avenue. The applicant is Robert H. Wurtz. The applicant is proposing to renovate for aging in place; add first-floor powder room on partly enclosed porch; straighten stairs to the second floor; renovate second-floor bath to be handicap accessible; eliminate all steps from house to parking place at the head of the driveway; and to bridge the deck between the current deck and enclosed porch. – 8:10 p.m.
9. Fact-finding hearing for a permit to install a 10 KW generator at 5610 Warwick Place. The applicants are Babak Bagheri and Pouneh Razavi. The generator will be located 10 feet from the left side property line and approximately 60 feet from the rear. – 8:25 p.m.
10. Continue a fact-finding hearing on the progress of work at 4909 Essex Avenue. – 8:40 p.m.
11. Hearing and Action to Amend Chapter 6 Section 6-710 of the Town Code to require a deposit for a wall permit – 8:55 p.m.
12. Hearing and Action to Amend Chapter 3 Section 3-102 of the Town Code regulating curb cuts – 9:05 p.m.
13. Hearing and Action to Amend Chapter 9 Section 9-106 of the Town Code to provide for the installation of stop signs at the 5400 block of Trent Street at the turn – 9:20 p.m.
14. Discussion regarding the Town's enforcement of generator noise – 9:35 p.m.
15. Pool House Update – 9:45 p.m.
16. Discussion/Action on the Town Pool Security Policy – 9:55 p.m.
17. Discussion/Action regarding an appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 for the Pool House Renovation Project for FY12 – 10:05 p.m.
18. Mayor's Report – 10:10 p.m.
19. Adjourn – 10:15 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 discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.*

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