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Somerset's Community Service Weekend

By Cathy Pickar, Dorset Avenue

It's a Most Wonderful Time of the Year for everyone, let's make sure:

*"It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you 'Be of good cheer'
It's the most wonderful time of the year"*

Please join neighbors and friends at **Somerset Town Hall** on **Saturday, December 17** and **Sunday, December 18** for **community service projects** and a **sing-along of holiday songs**.

Weekend Activities:

Saturday, December 17, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.: *Volunteer some time!*

Help prepare food baskets for **A Wider Circle**, sandwiches for **Gude Drive Men's Shelter** and sock toys for the **Humane Society**.

Items needed for Saturday:

- Toiletries
- Toothbrushes
- Small Individually Packaged Snack Foods
- Gum
- Financial Contributions to Help Pay for Other Necessary Items



Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: *Come Sing and help Bethesda Cares!*

As we collect donations for **Bethesda Cares**, please join **Cathy Pickar** and the **Sometimes Somerset Singers and Children's Choir** in singing holiday favorites from **Zum Gali Gali** and **O Kwanzaa** to the **Light Bulb** version of **Rudolph!**

No admission fee, but please bring specific items requested by Bethesda Cares:

- Large Cans of Coffee
- Sugar in Boxes or Packets

- Boxes of Hot Cereal in Individual Packets
- Individual Packets of Hot Chocolate
- Good Used Clothing for Their Clothes Closet

There will be boxes at **Town Hall** for collection of all items during the week of **December 12–18**.

Calendar

Monday, December 5

Town Council Meeting

December 12 – 18

Bethesda Cares Collection

Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18

Community Service Weekend

Sunday, December 18

Children's Choir

Monday, December 19

MVA Mobile Office

Monday, December 26

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 2

Office Closed for New Years

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**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

White House Visit

At the suggestion of the **Maryland Municipal League**, I had the privilege of being invited to a **White House** briefing last month for municipal leaders from across America. I was deeply honored to be included in this select group of about **120**, which included notables such as the mayors of **Salt Lake City** and **St. Paul**, and various city council presidents, commissioners, and councilors. The purpose of the four-hour presentation at the **Eisenhower Executive Office Building** was to publicize the **President's municipal agenda**, get questions answered, and to gain support for vital programs like the **American Jobs Act**. It was quite impressive.

The group heard from three *Cabinet secretaries*, the *White House Chief of Staff*, and *Senior Advisor to the President*, **Valerie Jarrett**. There was also a powerful presentation from the *President's Chief Technology Officer*, **Anneesh Chopra**. While many of the topics were national in nature, the applications were local, and I was able to understand how these policies impact even a small jurisdiction like Somerset.

I am happy to report that our national government seems to be in good hands, because each successive presenter was more astute than the last, and their dedication to reforming our government was apparent. I was able to understand firsthand how the *toxic political environment* in Congress is getting in the way of lots of progress, especially on issues that should be of a bipartisan nature. My take on things was that some in Congress have the goal of embarrassing the President rather than serving the people.

In any case, there were a number of things I plan to follow up on, and I will be able to better communicate to our citizens how Federal policies apply and affect cities and towns. In this regard alone the briefing was a success.

Afterwards, we were all treated to a private reception at the White House itself, which the President attended and spoke. I got to meet him briefly and have a pleasant exchange of words. His address to us was *inspirational*, and that, combined with the information and knowledge obtained during the day, will help me better **serve Town residents**.



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Council Votes To Lower Interest Rate On Pool House Loan

By Council Member Marnie Shaul

At a special Council Meeting held **November 14**, the Town Council passed a resolution to re-fund the bond it issued in **July 2010**, which will lower the interest rate. The **Title to the Resolution** is published in this issue of the *Journal*, and the **full Resolution** is available through the Town's office.



Lower Interest Rate

Our financial advisor recently told us that because of decreases in interest rates, the Town could **save significant money** by refinancing. The Council considered doing an entire re-funding of the bond through a competitive offering, but ultimately decided to stay with our current bondholder, **SunTrust**. SunTrust offered the Town an interest rate reduction from **3.74 percent to 2.41 percent**, subject to certain conditions. Over the next **nine years**, the Town could save about **\$20,000 per year** in interest charges. Staying with our current lender was attractive because adjusting the interest rate on our current bond costs significantly less than a competitive refinancing that results in a new bond.

The Council relied on the same financing team (bond counsel and financial advisor) it used in **2010**. The team and their payment were **authorized** by the Council in the Resolution.



(left to right) Steve Roberts, Jeffrey Slavin & Cokie Roberts

Mayor Slavin Named Philanthropist Of The Year

By Maxine Finkelstein, Cumberland Avenue

On **November 15, 2011**, **The Community Foundation of Montgomery County** honored our Mayor, **Jeffrey Slavin**, as its

Philanthropist of the Year. The presentation was made during a program MC'd by **Cokie and Steve Roberts**, longtime friends of Jeffrey and his parents. The **Round House Theatre** was filled with friends, associates, political figures, and well-wishers from all facets of Jeffrey's life and community involvement.

In true Jeffrey fashion, rather than give a formal acceptance speech, our Mayor read "**A Fairy Tale**," a story he wrote that traced "**Prince Jeffrey's**" life as a privileged person in the "**Kingdom of Montgomery**" and his journey to become its Philanthropist of the Year.

Jeffrey's parents, who started him on the path to charitable giving early in life, were there to see him accept the honor, along with his sister **Roni**, and many other close friends and relatives, including **Rabbi Bruce Lustig**, from **Washington Hebrew Congregation**, the Slavin family's long-time Rabbi. "**Rabbi**" **Jamie Raskin**, State Senator from **District 20 (Silver Spring/Takoma Park)** presented Jeffrey with his "**second Bar Mitzvah certificate**" honoring him for service in **Montgomery County**, and Delegate **Susan Lee** also presented an award.



Members of the Somerset Town Council and staff were among the neighbors and friends who attended this proud moment for our Town, to see our own Mayor awarded the **County's highest accolade**.

The evening was filled with much humor and goodwill, as well as pleas for continued giving to this worthy cause in Montgomery County. Cokie Roberts pointed out that this County, while affluent, is a "**majority minority**" County, with a great need for services among those not so fortunate. The Foundation urges all of us to "**Give Where You Live**" in time, goods, or money. **Bethesda Magazine** donated proceeds from its ads in the recent **Philanthropy issue** that features an article on Jeffrey Slavin, and will donate half of all its new magazine subscription fees for **2012** to the Foundation.



Notes from the Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month I will attempt to do my best to inform our residents on 10 important issues I currently see happening within the Town of Somerset. As always, if anyone has any questions regarding Town operations, please feel free to contact me at Town Hall at manager@townofsomerset.com or 301-657-3211.

E-Journal Sign-Up


Please contact the **Town Hall** to opt into the *E-version* of the **Town Journal** and save a tree. *Remember, we are a tree city!*



Pepco

Recently, the Town of Somerset has approved two permit applications for **Pepco** to perform reliability work within the Town. Work has begun in the Town on one of the permit applications. If anyone would like specific details on the two permits that have been approved, please contact me. In addition to these two permits that have been approved, the **Town Ad Hoc Pepco Committee** hosted a meeting on **November 16, 2011** to discuss reliability concerns and measures that can be taken in the future to help limit power outages within the Town.

Leaf Removal Program Will Continue Through Mid-December



The Town will continue its leaf removal program until mid-December. **Vacuum trucks** pick up continuously, street by street. All leaves should be raked to the curb. Please **DO NOT rake your leaves into the street**. Make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, rocks or other debris. In addition, **DO NOT park your car in front of the leaf piles**, as this prevents our crew from picking them up. A notice will remain on our weekly email blast informing residents of the leaf removal program. The Town has chosen not to collect leaves on Tuesdays given the amount of truck traffic with refuse and recycling collection.

Town Directory Update

The Town is currently working on the **2012 Town Directory** and we know there are many incorrect email addresses in the current Directory. Please email these changes to town@townofsomerset.com. If you are new to Somerset or if you wish to amend your family's entry, please send us an email containing the information you wish to be included in your listing. You can use the format in the current directory as your guideline; otherwise, we suggest you consider including the following as applicable:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

Tel #: _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please provide the information in email no later than **12/15/11**, which will help to ensure the accuracy of the listing.

Winter Season Upon Us

A few reminders as the winter season is upon us. **Mulheron Tree Experts** will again be the Town's contractor for **snow removal**. Regarding sidewalk cleaning, please be advised that the **Town Code** states that when **two inches** of snow or less accumulate in the front or on the side of your property, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep those areas clear. **Greater than two inches** is the responsibility of the Town contractor. Please also be mindful of the plows that clear our roads by doing your best to keep cars parked in driveways as opposed to on the streets. This better enables the roadways to be cleared fully. The **batting cage** located at the Town Hall is going to be closed this winter season from **December through February**. Snow last year caused some damage to the cage, so this measure is for the protection of it. The cage will open again in early **March**. Finally, please keep in the mind the **"odd jobs"** list that was distributed in last month's journal if you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling/maintenance around your property during the winter months.

Construction/Parking In The Town

Officials at Town Hall recognize all of the difficulties right now with the significant **amount of construction** occurring in the Town. The Town will continue to enforce its **Code**, monitor **construction projects**, and ensure that construction regulations are **reinforced** with applicants, contractors, and **sub-contractors** for all projects. It is important that the Town do its best to enforce its regulations to minimize disruptions to existing property owners while welcoming those who are moving into the Town.

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Council Regular Meeting Actions – November 7, 2011 Meeting

The Town Council met in regular session on November 7, 2011. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the October 3, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the October 24, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit as recommended by the Audit Committee.
4. Approval to hold a Special Meeting on November 14, 2011 at 2:45 pm for the purpose of discussing the refinancing of the Town of Somerset Public Facilities Bond of 2010.
5. Approval of the tabling of an application for a generator installation at 4817 Cumberland Avenue.
6. Approval of a generator application at 5514 Uppingham Street contingent upon the staff's receipt of a mitigation plan that would reasonably meet the noise level requirements.
7. Approval of the movement of a generator located at 4728 Dorset Avenue that was originally approved in June of 2011.
8. Approval of a building permit extension to December 5, 2011 for the applicant at 4909 Essex Avenue as recommended by the Town Building Inspector.
9. Approval of PCO 79 for the Pool House Renovation Project in the amount of \$1,523.83.
10. Approval of Invoice submitted by Balodemas Architects dated November 2, 2011 for \$20,585.87
11. Approval of partial Invoice payment as submitted by McInturff Architects dated October 17, 2011 for \$29,367.19.
12. Approval of a Resolution opposing Montgomery County Council Member George Leventhal's Bill 29-11 which would eliminate the Friendship Heights Transportation Management Advisory Committee.
13. Approval of the Mayor's nomination of John Stewart (Dorset) to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

In addition to the items approved at the Regular Meeting, the Council also heard the Financial Report from the Clerk/Treasurer, Richard Charnovich, and a Pool House renovation update from Matt Maynard of Therrien Waddell, the General Contractor.

Ed Mulheron, Mulheron Tree Experts, provided a report to the Council concerning matters in relation to the upcoming winter and snow maintenance season.

Mayor Slavin had his monthly report available at the meeting for anyone who wanted to review it.

The Town used its sound system for the Meeting for the first time in quite some time, and it seemed to work well. Special thanks to Enrique Cabrera and Nicole Ventura for setting it up.





Large Crowd Served At 2011 Flu Clinic

By Barbara Marblestone, Trent Street

MedStar visiting nurses provided **115 inoculations** at this year's **Flu Clinic**. The process flowed smoothly thanks to the return of our friendly, efficient nurses, **Kathleen** and **Sharon**, and to the Town's six enthusiastic volunteer registrars: **Janet Baldinger, Dolores Bartning, Sue Besharov, Lucy Freeman, Lucky Marmon,** and **Marnie Shaul**. Special thanks to **Nicole Ventura** for all the time she spent on the telephone not only to set up appointments, but also to ensure that callers made informed choices. Thanks to the **maintenance staff** for setting up the room.

I wish everyone a healthy, flu-free season! ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

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Curb Cut Policy

The Town Council recently enacted a **curb cut policy**. For the near to immediate future, only one curb cut will be permitted per property. No requests will be accepted to consider the approval of two or more cuts. In addition, any application to widen an existing curb cut cannot exceed **20 feet**. If anyone has questions regarding this policy, please contact me. It is my understanding that an amendment to the Town's current **Curb Cut Ordinance** is going to be introduced at the **December 5, 2011 Regular Council Meeting**.

Enforcement Of Generator Noise

Many homes in the Town either already have generators installed or will be applying to install **emergency generators**. Most of these generators have not been able to pass the county noise level requirements. Please be advised that the Town staff and I will be requesting that mitigation measures be taken to meet the noise level requirements. This is a very **sensitive issue** as we realize that many homes need the generators for various reasons, medical or otherwise, but we also must be mindful that the noise of these generators can affect our neighbors.

Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is just a reminder that the Town of Somerset must approve any trees to be **removed** within the Town, whether they are **public or privately owned**. Please make sure that you contact the Town Hall to obtain a **permit** in advance of removing any trees from your property. Violators of this Ordinance are subject to fines in accordance with the Town Code.

Dog Regulations

Please keep two things in mind regarding the **walking of dogs** within the community.

1. Make sure your dog is on a leash when being walked around the neighborhood as per **Montgomery County leash regulations**. It is important to ensure the **safety** of pedestrians walking as well as other animals in the neighborhood.
2. As per the Town Code, please make sure that **dog waste** is disposed of properly and not left on Town sidewalks or on private properties within the Town. The Town has received several complaints about this, and we want to make sure it is curtailed to keep the community looking **beautiful**.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Our **Halloween Trick-or-Treat night** this year seemed to be a delight for all those participating and I received **no reports** of vandalism or any other kinds of problems. We had a police officer patrol the Town for most of the evening and I am sure that this contributed to the success. The number of children on the street seemed to be at an all-time high, and I was pleased to see so many of our own residents at my door. For the record, I had **215 children** stop by, and many

of them were students from **Somerset E.S., Westland Middle, and B-CC High School**. Of course, as a welcoming community, we are happy to host other children, but it's always nice to serve neighbors first.

After a brief campaign waged by neighbors of the **Chevy Chase Club**, including many in Somerset, we were all so pleased at the Club's ultimate decision to **forego** their proposed use of the *dangerous pesticide methyl bromide* they were using to improve the appearance of their golf courses. Many people were involved in this campaign, but the leadership in our Town was most impressive, including Council members **Marnie Shaul** and **Barbara Zeughauser**, along with Environmental Committee Chair **George Wyeth**, and **Ellen Globokar**, Chair of the **Ad Hoc Committee on Pepco Issues**, who personally guided me in my own efforts, which included talking to local newspaper reports and appearing on local television. I think the press strategy was important, along with a key letter to the Club from State Senator **Rich Madaleno**.

On **Friday, October 21**, I joined **Steve Friedman** (Essex), a member of the **County's Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee**, on a **Ride-A-Long** with various members from the **County Council, Park and Planning, MC Department of Transportation, and State Highway Administration**. The purpose of this ride was to give County leaders a chance to experience some of the challenges **cyclists** routinely encounter, and bring that perspective to the table during the planning and implementation of projects and during legislative sessions. The bike route went from **Bethesda to Silver Spring** and included trails, sidewalks, and streets (with and without bike lanes). The debriefing that followed highlighted some areas to focus on. The real trick will be to turn this into action items that continue to improve our diverse **County bike pathways** and ensure safe passage for all types of users. Comments from all are welcome.



Louise Kupelian

Obituary

Louise Kupelian

Louise Kupelian, *concert pianist* and much-loved *musical pedagogue*, passed away peacefully on **October 18** at her home in Somerset, with her family at her bedside. She was **89**.

For decades one of the most sought-after piano teachers in the **Washington, DC metro area** where she lived since **1950**, Louise stayed active to the end—including playing the piano an hour a day—until **early September** when a series of strokes put her in the hospital. After a short stint in a rehabilitation center, she came home where family and other caregivers attended to her during her final days.

Louise's husband, **Vahey**, who passed away in **1988**, was a pioneering aeronautical engineer for the Defense Department who ultimately became the *Army's Chief Scientist for Ballistic Missile Defense* as well as *Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Strategic and Theater Nuclear Forces*.

Louise and Vahey (or "**Kupe**," as many called him) raised three children: **Theodore**, who married **Peg Zartarian**; **David**, married to **Jean Sutton**; and **Diane**, who married **Pierre Toureille**. Between them, there are six grandchildren—**Karen, Julie, Marc, Sarah, Joshua** and **Joanna**—and one great-grandchild on the way.

Beyond her music, Louise was perhaps best known for her **remarkably cheerful disposition** through thick and thin, probably attributable to the **strong Christian faith** she embraced in her youth and held onto all her life.

Louise Kupelian will be greatly missed by her family, friends, students, colleagues, and all who were **blessed** to have known her.

Children's Choir

By Cathy Pickar, Dorset Avenue



Ad Hoc Children's Choir For December 18 and January 29

I am putting together a **children's choir** for **grades 4–6**, for girls and boys with unchanged voices for just two upcoming performances.

Sunday, December 18:

Sometimes Somerset Singers sing along of holiday songs and benefit for **Bethesda Cares** at **4:00 p.m.** at Town Hall featuring spirited **Zum Gali Gali**, **O Kwanzaa**, **Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer** (*like a light bulb version*) and more.

Sunday, January 29:

Sometimes Somerset Singers performance in two parts: the first part is a performance of the classic *Briggs and Blake musical story*, **The Snowman**, featuring our own **Dave Batson** as narrator and three of our young neighborhood pianists. This part will be especially appropriate for young audiences, **ages 4–8**.

The second part is a performance of the **Sometimes Somerset Singers** and **children's chorus—baseball caps required!** We will be singing baseball songs such as **You Gotta Have Heart**, **Shoeless Joe** from **Hannibal Mo**, the original **Take Me Out to the Ballgame** with the **Katie Casey** verses, and others. As always, *we expect audience participation!*

Children's' rehearsals will be:

Sunday, November 20	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall
Sunday January 8	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m at Town Hall
Sunday, January 22	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m at Town Hall
One other rehearsal at my home, with refreshments, time TBA.	

I promise to provide a good time for the kids. Please call me at **301-907-4881** or email cpickar@townofsomerset.com if your child is interested and ***wants*** to sing.

Permits Granted



Tree Removal

4718 Essex Avenue, White Pine. Tree was stripped on one side by Pepco during clearance pruning. Owner may use Pepco voucher to replace tree.

5514 Uppingham, Mulberry and American Elm. Both were in poor condition and the top of the American Elm tree was dead. Arborist recommended planting a tree on the north side of the back yard.

5706 Surrey Street, Two Elm trees. Both trees are were dead and needed to be removed.

5510 Trent Street, Black Locust. The tree was hazardous and is to be removed.

Fence

4801 Falstone Avenue, 5-foot high Victorian picket fence.

Resolution Title

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Town of Somerset (the “Town”) adopted Resolution No. 8-11 (the “Resolution”) on November 14, 2011.

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 (THE “TOWN”) AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING RESOLUTION NO. 2-10, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN ON JULY 7, 2010, APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN ON JULY 7, 2010 AND EFFECTIVE ON JULY 29, 2010 IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME A REDUCTION IN THE INTEREST RATE PAYABLE ON THE OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUED BY THE TOWN ON JULY 30, 2010 IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000.00) AND DESIGNATED “THE TOWN OF SOMERSET PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND OF 2010” (THE “BOND”), AND, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY SUNTRUST BANK, THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BOND, CERTAIN ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE TERMS OF THE BOND, INCLUDING (WITHOUT LIMITATION) THE ADDITION OF YIELD MAINTENANCE LANGUAGE TO THE INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS OF THE BOND AND/OR MAKING THE BOND PREPAYABLE IN WHOLE ONLY; APPROVING THE SUBSTANTIALLY FINAL FORM OF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE TOWN OF, AN ALLONGE TO THE BOND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION AND, ALTERNATIVELY, ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE FORM OF AND EXECUTE A REPLACEMENT BOND TO BE EXCHANGED FOR THE EXISTING BOND; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING ACTIONS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE BOND; MAKING OR PROVIDING FOR THE MAKING OF CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS, ELECTIONS, DETERMINATIONS OR FILINGS PERTAINING TO THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF THE BOND, AS SO MODIFIED; RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OF THE BOND; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 2-10 WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE BOND, AS SO MODIFIED, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO APPROVE AND TO AMEND, MODIFY AND REPLACE FROM TIME TO TIME WRITTEN POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO THE BOND AND OTHER NON-CONDUIT TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OR IN-EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF 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 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (except holidays). The Resolution will be effective immediately upon the Mayor’s approval thereof. In the event the Allonge (as defined in the Resolution) is not executed, delivered and accepted in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution, the provisions of the Resolution providing for the modification and reissuance of the Bond shall be disregarded and deemed ineffective.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – Monday, December 5, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Somerset Town Hall.

Agenda updates are posted on the Town website:

www.townofsomerset.com



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

Regular Meeting of the Town Council

1. Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.
2. Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.
3. Presentation: Donation of Piano to Adventure Theater
4. Motion: To approve the following Council Meeting Minutes – 7:35 p.m.
 - November 7, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - November 14, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes
5. Discussion: Town Manager's December Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
6. Comments: Town Residents/Agenda Items – 7:45 p.m.
7. Comments: Town Residents/Non-Agenda Items – 7:50 p.m.
8. Discussion: Pool House Construction Update – 7:55 p.m.
9. Public Hearing / Motion: To consider approval of the Mayor's recommendation for 2012 Election Day in the Town of Somerset for March 20, 2012, and to set the hours for voting as 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall – 8:10 p.m.
10. Discussion / Motion: To consider introduction of amendments to the Town's current curb cut ordinance – 8:20 p.m.
11. Discussion: Mayor's Report – 8:35 p.m.
12. Adjourn – 8:40 p.m.

Key

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

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 website 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 discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

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