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Brown Bag Lunch

Our third quarterly **Brown Bag Lunch** will take place on **Friday, September 30** from **noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. This is a good opportunity to catch up on all the summer happenings and talk about the myriad issues the Mayor and Council are grappling with. All are invited. As usual, please bring a sandwich or main dish to share. Setups, napkins, and beverages are provided. Any questions, call **Mayor Slavin** on **301-657-2229**.



Pool Guest Fees

Please note the recently amended pool rules regarding guest fees:

Guest Fees must be paid in **advance** with a **deposit check** made out to Town of Somerset and mailed or dropped off at Town Hall, or left with the desk attendant at the pool.

Residents who arrive at the pool with guests and have a **zero balance** in their guest fee account will be allowed to enter with their guests on this occasion, but must pay the negative balance before returning to the pool. The resident cannot bring guests again until their account has a positive balance. **Relatives or house sitters** for residents with a zero balance in their guest fee account who arrive at the pool will be allowed to enter on one occasion, but cannot return until there is a positive balance in the resident's guest fee account.

Reminder: Guests cannot bring other guests.

Specify whether you want a flu shot and/or a pneumonia shot.

The **2011–2012 flu vaccine** provides protection against **H3N2, influenza B, and H1N1 viruses**. For more immunization information, check with your doctor or the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** at www.cdc.gov/flu or at **1-800-232-4636**.

At your appointment, help the nurses and:

- Wear short sleeves

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Monday, September 5

Town Hall Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 6

Council Meeting

Saturday, September 24

Fire Department Open House

Sunday, September 25

Welcoming Party

Monday, September 26

MVA Mobile Office

Friday, September 30

Brown Bag Lunch

Tuesday, October

Flu Vaccine Clinic

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**.

Flu Vaccine Clinic

By Barbara Marblestone, Trent Street



Sign Up for Flu and Pneumonia Shots; Volunteer Help Needed

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Town Hall **Tuesday, October 4, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** To schedule a shot for a specific quarter-hour time slot, call the Town Hall at **301-657-3211**.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Every so often, what's "**on my mind**" is how fortunate we are to live in our own municipality, and how greatly this system of government contributes to our high quality of life. Sometimes I have this thought when our ability to regulate something is challenged or questioned.

We realized recently that not everyone in Town is aware that **Somerset** residents must obtain a **permit** when **installing** or **replacing** an air conditioning unit. Since these contraptions can be **noisy**, **unsightly**, and **large**, it seems to me the public policy for having such a permit requirement is obvious. If homeowners were able to place these units just anywhere, neighbors could be upset and our noise level and streetscape adversely affected. The required Town review eliminates this by helping establish a placement that meets applicants' needs while minimizing the burden on the community.

Presently, the **Council** and I are looking to **streamline** the process when a unit needs to be replaced during the hot summer months. In the meantime, we are working with individual residents as problems occur so they will always be able to cool their houses.

In the same vein, the Town has clarified its authority to regulate the installation of **treehouses**. Like all the other structures in Town, treehouses have come a long way since the **State of Maryland** granted our charter in **1906**. These creations are not what our grandfathers used to put together in an afternoon—some of them today are quite elaborate and permanent. The **County** does not regulate treehouses; the **Town** does this. This protects the trees as well as the health and safety of the current and future residents of the home. We have a good law.

As an incorporated unit in the State of Maryland, everyone knows Somerset has the ability to set its own destiny in many areas. The laws created can sometimes be annoying or time consuming, and we have to keep in mind their ultimate value. You can rest assured the Council and I are constantly **reviewing our Code** to make all these regulations more user-friendly and easy to enforce. Please bear with us—and provide appropriate comment.



On My Mind

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Pool Committee Report

By Barbara Condos,
Pool Committee Chair



It has been a **wonderful summer** for the pool, and progress continues to be made. The **water fountain** is

now working. The Council is in the process of **choosing** and **installing** an additional water fountain closer to the pool. **The clock is now up**—a great improvement from leaning against the baby pool fence.

Just a few reminders—it was pointed out to me at the last construction meeting that **taping decorations** to the **walls, planter screens** and **metal support pillars** is marring the finishes, which results in rusting and other damage. There is a **bulletin board** in the pavilion area that can be decorated for parties. You can just take down the **pizza signs**. I have also left painters' tape in the office, which does not cause **surface damage**, just ask the pool staff. Please do not bring **breakable bottles, plates, or containers** to the pool. This rule applies to members as well as their guests. If your **pool account** is running short, please drop a check at the Town Hall or at the pool. If you have a question about the status of your pool account, call **Nicole** at the Town office.

If you have not noticed, **ice cream** is now available at the pool. The pool staff sells it during adult swim periods. The **ping-pong table** has been set up, and balls and paddles are available from the pool staff.

Thanks to our **pool staff** for the fabulous job they have done this summer while working around the construction.



Annual Welcoming Party

By Bonnie Lewin, Cumberland Avenue

Our Town remains a popular choice for **house hunters** who are **buying** or **renting**. Over the last year, **16 new families** have moved into our wonderful community. Now it is once again time for the **Annual Welcoming Party**, where established residents greet new ones. This year, it is on **Sunday September 25**, from **4:00 p.m.** to **6:00 p.m.** at our beautiful newly renovated Town Pool.

Bring your **children** and plan to **listen to music** and **relax** with a **glass of wine** or **soda** and some other **light refreshments** provided by the Town. While the adults socialize, former Somerset resident, **Nancy Edson**, returning by popular demand, will entertain and delight your children with her enchanting **Three Billy Goats Gruff in Switzerland** show. Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** will introduce new residents at **5:00 p.m.**, and the puppet show will follow, **so don't miss it!**

Please contact **Welcoming Committee** members **Bonnie Lewin (301-332-0171)**, **Lyndsey Gerber (301-332-0320)**, or **Ann Brown (301-986-8811)**, if you would like to volunteer with setup and cleanup.

The New Residents are:

Cumberland Avenue

4515 – **Brian** and **Meredith Davis**

4521 – **Gayle Horn** and **Brian Reilly**

4805 – **Anne** and **Dean Yap (returning)**

4816 – **Megan Spellacy** and **Perry Urken**

4915 – **Josiane Faubert** and **Francois Locoh-Donou**

Dorset

4525 – **Fayezul** and **Yasmin Choudhury**

4604 – **Alicia Jones**

4607 – **Rebecca Trent** and **Paul Lekas**

Essex

4727 – **Melissa** and **Alan Davidson**

4815 – **Nancy Jardini** and **Morris Panner**

4906 – **Amparo Ballivan**

Falstone

4721 – **Amy** and **Larry Goodwin**

Surrey

5409 – **Nicole Totah** and **Joshua Rosenthal**

Greystone

5512 – **Sophia Maroon**

5520 – **Brian Borders**

Uppingham

5523 – **Kate Shaughnessy**

Latest News From Town Hall

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Gator Bags on Newly Planted Town Trees

You may have noticed there are times Town staff have attached gator bags to fairly new Town planted trees. **Gator bags** are green plastic bags that hold water. The staff goes around Town and refills them, but if you notice the bag is empty and you are outside watering, please help us by

filling them. With the dry, hot summer we have been experiencing, the water in the bags is being absorbed faster than we can refill them. *Thank you for your consideration.*



Gator Bags on Newly Planted Trees

2011 Town of Somerset Street Paving Project



2011 Somerset Street Paving Project

The Town Council approved the paving of various Town streets at its **August 1, 2011** Meeting. **Francis O. Day Company, Inc.** was approved as the lowest responsible bidder. Included in the paving work will be work on various sidewalks and curbs in need of maintenance. The Town discourages residents from defacing sidewalks, especially once the new repairs have been completed.

The streets to be paved are as follow:

Deal Place, 475 ft • **Devon Lane**, 475 ft • **Grantham Avenue**, 739 ft
Greystone Street, 1584 ft • **Surrey Street**, 2482 ft • **Warwick Lane**, 164 ft

A pre-construction meeting will be held prior to the beginning of the project. The **Contractor** will be posting **No Parking** signs **48 hours** prior to any work. The signs will state the specific dates as to when the work will be taking place. Violators will be towed.

Work is scheduled to begin on these roads on **September 12, 2011**. The Town thanks all residents for their cooperation as this project is completed. Once these specific roads are milled and overlaid, they will not need to be repaired again for multiple years. Please direct specific questions regarding the project to **Rich Charnovich**, Town Manager, at manager@townofsomerset.com or at 301-657-3211.



Pepco Update

In **October 2011**, **Pepco** is scheduled to begin work within the Town of Somerset. On **August 1, 2011**, the Town Council held a public hearing on two permits submitted by Pepco. Pepco has advised that the purpose of the two projects is to improve service reliability within the Town. The Town Council

approved these two permits with conditions to be approved at the **September 6, 2011** Council Meeting.

Permit Number 1 – requested permission to replace two poles, **#4 bare wire** with **477 ASCR tree wire**, and replace **open secondary wire** with **4/0 triplex secondary wires**, install **cross-arms**, some **tree trimming** and associated **overhead equipment** on all streets within the Town of Somerset to improve reliability.

Permit Number 2 – requested permission to replace **overhead wire** and **associated equipment** on **Greystone Street, Surrey Street, and Dorset Avenue**.

The Town Council intends to act on a set of conditions at its September Council Meeting for this permitted work. The purpose of these conditions is to ensure that adverse conditions for Town residents are limited during the project. Town Staff and Consultants are establishing the conditions. Before work commences, Pepco will complete a walk-through with the **Town Arborist** to identify and discuss any important tree-related matters relating to the project. According to Pepco, the upgrades will take several months to complete.

Specific questions about the project or conditions can be directed to me.

MVA Mobile Office

The MVA Mobile Office will be at the **Friendship Heights** on **Monday, September 26** from **10:00 a.m.** until **2:00 p.m.**



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

As is often the case in Town during the summer, there have been increased reports of car theft on our streets, particularly at night. While in some instances residents have failed to lock their vehicles, that has not always been the case. Our Police Officer, **Tony Galladora**, says that all incidents need to be reported to the **Montgomery County Police** by phone or online. Officer Galladora also says that we should all be encouraged to **call 911** to report suspicious people.

This will help identify trends, and push the command staff to use undercover teams or additional officers in the targeted areas. In addition, he says, if the police know of an ongoing problem, it then gives them a little more flexibility to stop and talk to people during the referenced times. Sounds like good advice.

Congratulations to Officer **Galladora** and his wife **Heather** on the birth of their first child, **Adeline Mary Galladora!** We are all happy for the expanded family

Last month, for about three hours during a weekday evening, I had the privilege of riding around the County with Police Chief **Tom Manger**. This gave me a unique opportunity to get some clearer perspectives on law enforcement in the Chief's large jurisdiction. I was impressed with the Chief's hand-on approach and his commitment to community policing. I also got a better understanding of the administrative structure of the force and some insights into why we are so fortunate to have such a relatively low crime rate.

Each day I read with great enthusiasm comments from residents on our privately run **listserv**. It is wonderful that we have such an easy way to communicate ideas and comments to each other. I want to again remind everyone, though, that if you have a specific question or need a service, remember to also send an email directly to a **Council member**, the **Town Manager**, or **me**.

Additionally, while I have a deep commitment to the first amendment, it is disheartening when people make comments that are **disrespectful** to our leadership or stray from the matter at hand. Specifically, before this month's Council meeting, I was concerned when, in the course of giving views on the curb cut proposal, some people used the opportunity to unfairly criticize our process and procedures (we always try to follow the Code), and even made some irrelevant personal comments. I did not think that was really the "**Somerset way**."

Our **Town Code** discourages residents from placing trash and recycling in public view more than **24 hours** in advance of collection. When people violate this policy, it creates a messy looking streetscape. Our citizens are largely adhering to this policy, but summertime **vacation schedules** often lead to more frequent violations. The staff and I have gotten a rash of complaint calls along this line lately, so I am hoping that Somerseters will be respectful so we will not have to issue citations. It is important that we all be considerate of others.

On a related topic, while I do not want to take a position on the pros and cons of the **swim team toilet-papering** some of our homes, I would like to encourage all involved—both toilet-paper appliers and toilet-paper recipients, to work together to ensure that the paper does not remain in the trees for more than a **couple of days**. While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, after a few days, the paper can create a litter problem and this does not sit well for many of us, nor is it helpful for those trying to sell their houses. Let's try to come together as a community to address this situation. Perhaps the swim team can devise a creative solution.

At the **Maryland Municipal League Convention** in **June**, I was at the **U.S. Census Bureau's** booth and learned that over the last ten years our Town's population has increased almost **10 percent** to **1,216 legal residents**. Of course there is much more information than this available, and I urge anyone interested to visit www.factfinder2.census.gov to satisfy their curiosity.

We are joining the local effort to keep the **U.S. Post Offices** in our neighborhood open—the one in **Friendship Heights** on **Wisconsin Avenue** and the one in **Chevy Chase Village** on **Connecticut Avenue**. One factor in keeping those locations open is the amount of use. Therefore, I am recommending that for the time being, we all make a special effort to mail

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Somerset Back to School Classic 8K Race

24th Annual Somerset Elementary Back To School Classic!

By Morris Panner, Essex Avenue

School will be back in session, so it is time to register for this year's **Somerset Back to School Classic**, **Sunday, October 23**, at **9:00 a.m.** The Classic is a **USATF-certified, IPICO-timed 8K race** that winds through the scenic roads of **Somerset, Friendship Heights, and Chevy Chase**. A **2K race** and **free Fun Runs** are available for families and children.

Race registration includes **brunch** and a **locally designed T-shirt**.

The Classic provides the **Somerset Elementary PTA** with funds to offer a wide variety of educational opportunities, library and classroom resources, technology equipment, cultural arts programs, and extracurricular activities and clubs. On behalf of all the students, thanks for your support!

Register now at <http://www.mc-coop.org/somerset>.

Flu Vaccine Clinic *from page 1*

- Tell them if you have any **severe** or **life-threatening allergies**
- **Flu shots cost \$30** and **pneumonia shots \$80**. **Medicare Part B** is accepted only if you display your Medicare card (*so bring your Medicare Card with you*) and if you are not part of an **HMO**. Payment by check only, payable to **VNA Flu Program**.
- A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany children **over 4** and through **17 years**. **MedStar VNA**, the Town's provider, gives the standard seasonal flu vaccine **Only To Individuals Over Age 4 (CDC recommendation)**.
- **Pregnant women** in their second or third trimester Must Have a **Written Authorization** from their physician.
- If uncertain about which vaccine(s) you need, check your **physician's preference** before your clinic appointment.

MedStar VNA recommends:

- **Pneumonia vaccine** for those **65 and over** or those with a **chronic illness**.
- **High Dose (HD)** flu vaccine for those 65 and over.
- **Nasal Spray (live)** flu vaccine by request at the time you schedule your appointment.
- The **seasonal flu vaccine** is especially important for people at higher risk for **severe influenza** and their caregivers, caregivers for children **under 6 months old**, and people who have contact with patients in hospital or outpatient settings.

Volunteers Needed

- Flu clinic volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts to handle registration. Contact **Barbara Marblestone** at dbmarblestone@att.net or 301-652-2485 to volunteer.

Remember:

- Wear **Short Sleeves**
- **Check Only**
- Bring Your **Medicare Card**

Bethesda Fire Department Open House

By Gail Werner, Surrey Street



On **Saturday, September 24** from **1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**, the **Bethesda Fire Department** will host its **annual Open House**. These

are the men and women who arrive quickly on the scene in case of fire, accident, or other emergency.

The trucks and equipment will be on display, with fun for all. Children can climb on a real fire engine and have their pictures taken. **Ronald McDonald** will be there to entertain and give some fire safety tips, and there will be **games, exhibits, coloring books, fire hats, and fire safety books and pamphlets**. Of course, food and drinks will be available.

After meeting the firefighters and seeing the apparatus, exhibits, and demonstrations, you will understand why the Bethesda Fire Department is considered the gold standard for **Montgomery County** in firefighting and emergency rescues. Local citizens established the Bethesda Fire Department in **1932**. Today it is run by a volunteer **Board of Directors** and has several volunteer fire fighters in its ranks. I serve as Somerset's representative to the Bethesda Fire Department.

Last year, with funds donated by our community, the **Board of Directors of the Bethesda Fire Department** purchased a state-of-the-art **LIFEPAK** lifesaving-monitoring device. This LIFEPAK is used in life-threatening emergencies or acute traumas and has made a difference in our community.

Come to the Open House and say **"Hello"** and **"Thank You"** to your local firefighters.



Letter To The Editor

From Barbara Hoover, Cumberland Avenue

Before summer ends, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who have been instrumental in making **Somerset's pool facility** what it is today. Special thanks go to Council Member **Alan Proctor** for his diligent work in seeing the project to a wonderful end, and to the **Pool Committee** for working on easy and inviting guest rules that have allowed our entire family to enjoy endless hours of fun and to reconnect with old friends. We will be looking forward to the next season when this one ends.



Harry L. Freeman

Somerset Mourns The Passing Of Harry L. Freeman

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

One of our most beloved citizens, **Harry Freeman** of **Dorset Avenue**, husband of **Lucy**, passed away in June after a long illness. We will particularly miss his gentle nature and the wise counsel he provided so many of us for almost three decades.

Harry was born in **Omaha, Nebraska** in **1932**. After receiving degrees in **economics** from **Michigan** and law from **Harvard**, he **practiced tax law** in **San Francisco** from **1957** through **1965**. An interest in international affairs led to his joining **AID**, the **Bechtel Corporation**, and the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation**. At **American Express** from **1974** to **1989**, Harry climbed the ladder and ended up as **Executive Vice President** for **Corporate Affairs and Communications**. In the **1990s**, Harry founded **The Freeman Company**, a consulting firm, and **The Mark Twain Institute**, a trade statistics concern.

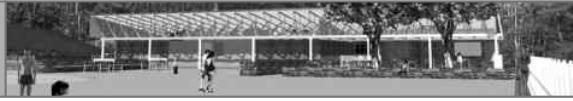
Harry made lasting contributions to the growth of the financial services industry, which he helped name, and in trade policy, including **NAFTA** and the **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)**.

He was an avid hiker, exploring **Yosemite** and the **Sierra Nevadas**. He prized **trains and planes**, regaling friends with an **enormous basement model train set** featuring European passenger trains, and an **airport with modern passenger jets and World War II fighter planes**. He enjoyed films and classical music.

Harry especially loved family, and in addition to his wife, leaves his brother **Melvin**, children **Bennett, Lansing, Rachel** and **Alexandra**, grandchildren **Nicholas, Jem, Taylor**, and **Kamila**, and his golden retrievers **Bella** and **Nelson**.



We Remember



Making The Most Of Our New Pool Facility

By Alan Proctor, Contract Officer and Council Member

It is almost hard to believe it. After years of a tremendous amount of work by a lot of people, our **new pool facility** is not only open and operating, but has already supported its first (though abbreviated) season for the **swim team**, and residents and their guests are enjoying renewed and expanded ways of using the facility. Like any new project, we are still finishing up on important details in completing the construction. Under the able direction of the **Pool Committee**, we are evolving new policies and processes in sharing and using the renovated facility. Residents are already stepping up to continue and expand ways of enjoying the facility now and into the future. I have great confidence that the pool facility will continue its growth as a key resource for the Town—for all of our residents—and that looking back on the effort, the cost, and the endless debates, the effort will prove to have been an excellent investment in our community.



View Of Covered Pavilion area that could be closed in with Nano Walls.

I am writing now to urge my fellow Council members to vote next month to proceed with what for me is the one undone part of the project, adding a **sliding glass “nano wall” partition** around the **new covered pavilion area**. This has been an option that was specifically called out in the specifications for the building when we issued the contract. The Council decided to hold up on it when we let the construction contract last year, because we wanted to wait until we finished the basic project to assess our budget situation and resources before making a decision.

It seems to me that there are four factors to consider, including:

What are the benefits? • What are the costs? • Can we afford it? • Should we proceed?

- **Benefits.** The proposed nano wall is a folding set of **breakproof/tempered glass door panels** that can be extended from their regularly folded position storage to surround the covered pavilion area with attractive floor-to-ceiling glass walls. This will extend the time we can use the pavilion area before and after the **regular swim season**. (For those who are familiar with the **Redwood Restaurant on Bethesda Lane**, nano walls are used on the front side of the building to alternately open and close the dining area to the outside.) Although there would be **no heat or air conditioning** in the space, the whole pavilion area, the serving kitchen, and family bathroom along with the outside picnic and cooking area could be used to **extend the season** until late fall, and again in early spring, weather permitting. The facility has been designed to permit this use when the pool is not open by closing off the pool space for access. This space is ideal for a wide range of community events and activities, which could be subject to **registration** and **checkout of a key** as is done after hours with the Town Hall.
- **Costs.** The cost would be approximately **\$151,000**. This is the price bid for this work as part of the main contract, and includes **all materials and labor**

for **acquiring** and **installing** the nano wall, built-in doors for access from the incoming ramp and sun deck/picnic area, plus tempered glass moveable windows that would be open for **ventilation** during the swim season and closed at other times. We would need to confirm that this price is still valid.

- **Affordability.** This **one-time cost** represents less than a **six percent** increase in the total price of the overall project, and would provide **benefits** for the life of the facility. Although the total construction costs of the project are a bit over the projected amount of **\$2.1M**, this includes **additional costs** incurred to repair deferred maintenance on the pool itself; it turns out that we didn't need to spend the **\$300,000** contingency we allowed for possible repair of plumbing lines for the pool; and the contract came in **several hundred thousand dollars lower** than expected at bid. As a result, we are well within resources that were anticipated for the project, the Town has more than **\$1.3M** in the bank so we can thereby afford to make this **investment** to finish up this **complete vision** of the pool project.
- **Whether to proceed now.** I am **strongly in favor** of proceeding with this work now as part of **completing** the new facility. The costs will be lower than in the future. This will add value for the community, and the addition of the nano wall will leverage the investment that we have just made to **positive** effect. We also have the momentum as we are finishing the project, and if we don't do it now, it could be years, if not decades, before we again have the momentum to take on another project at the pool. This is an additional step we can take to expand the availability of **public space** in Town, and I think it is something that will **benefit everyone**.

Permits Granted



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

Fence and Wall Permits

5516 Uppingham Street, Fence Permit – Replacement of a wooden fence along the rear property line.

5610 Warwick Place, Wall Permit – Wall to be located in the backyard with a condition that a swale must be constructed between 5608 and 5610 Warwick Place.

Tree Removal Permits

5522 Greystone Street, Flowering Cherry tree. The tree was removed because it was hazardous.

5517 Uppingham Street, Hickory tree. The tree was removed because it was dead.

4813 Falstone Avenue, Red Oak tree. The tree was in decline and created a hazardous condition.

5604 Surrey Street, Japanese maple tree. The tree was removed because it was dead.

4901 Dorset Avenue, Crabapple tree. The tree was removed because it was dead.

4805 Cumberland Avenue, Zelkova tree. The tree was removed because it was dead.

5602 Warwick Place, Red Oak tree. The tree was in decay and removed due to hazardous conditions.

Driveway Permits

5610 Warwick Place, driveway installed to be **12 ft wide** and **7 ft** from the curb.

4525 Dorset Avenue, driveway to be installed **10 ft wide** to the sidewalk then flare back to the width of the driveway at the property line. Maximum of **5 ft** of flare for a total of **20 ft** at the street.

From the Mayor's Desk from page 5

packages and letters and buy postage from these sites rather than the many alternatives available in the private sector. These offices are **vital resources** in our community that we do not want to lose.

Finally, the **State of Maryland** is considering putting sidewalks on **Wisconsin Avenue** on the east side, north from **Chevy Chase Village** up to downtown **Bethesda**. I personally think that this is a good idea because it will encourage more **walking** and **bike riding**, but of course, I am concerned about the **potential loss** of trees. It is my understanding that there are some Town residents already engaged in this issue—I would appreciate it if you would contact me so we can work together and with our neighboring communities.

Council Regular Meeting Action –
August 1, 2011 Meeting

1. Approval of the July 5, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the following fund transfers for FY11:
 - \$40,000 from Budget Contingency to Trees G and P.
 - \$ 2,000.00 from Debt Service to G and P.
 - \$ 1,650.00 from Debt Service to Town Hall/Garage.
 - \$28,000.00 from Debt Service to Professional Services.
3. Approval of an application with conditions submitted by Pepco to replace overhead wire and associated equipment on Greystone Street, Surrey Street, and Dorset Avenue.
4. Approval of an application with conditions submitted by Pepco to replace two poles, #4 bare wire with 477 ASCR tree wire, replace open secondary wire with 4/0 triplex secondary wires, install cross arms, some overhead tree trimming and associated equipment on the following streets in Town: Cumberland Avenue, Deal Place, Dorset Avenue, Essex Avenue, Falstone Avenue, Grantham Avenue, Greystone Avenue, River Road, Surrey Street, Trent Court and Street, Uppingham Street, Warwick Place, and Wisconsin Avenue.
5. Approval of a permit to a replace an air conditioner unit at 4507 Dorset Avenue. The unit will be in the same location as before.
6. Approval of a building permit at 4907 Cumberland Avenue. The applicant is renovating for aging that has taken place to the interior as well as to eliminate all steps from the house to the parking place at the head of the driveway; and to bridge the deck between the current deck and enclosed porch.
7. Approval of a permit to install a 10KW generator at 5610 Warwick Place. The generator will be located 10 feet from the left side property line and approximately 60 feet from the rear property line.
8. Approval of an amendment to Chapter 6, Section 6-710 of the Town Code to require a deposit for a wall permit.
9. Approval of an amendment to 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.
10. Approval of the lowest responsible bidder, Francis O. Day Co. Inc. in the amount of \$329,420.30 to mill and overlay various streets within the Town of Somerset.
11. Approval to appropriate \$250,000.00 for FY12 for the remaining expenses for the Pool House Renovation Project that were not paid for in FY11.

12. Approval by Mayor Slavin to authorize off site video surveillance monitoring of the Town Pool as per the proposal submitted by Vigilant Security.
13. Approval of 2 amendments to the Town Pool Rules and Regulations concerning deposits for guest fees.

In addition to the Regular Meeting items acted upon, the Council also heard the Financial Report from Richard Charnovich, Town Manager, as well as a presentation by Lila Snow, Vice President of the Montgomery Municipal Cable TV Board of Directors. The Council also continued a fact-finding hearing on the progress of construction work at 4909 Essex Drive.

Discussion continued on a proposed Amendment to the Town's Curb Cut Ordinance. The Council established a temporary policy on curb cuts until a final agreement can be reached on the Curb Cut Ordinances Amendment. Specific questions about the temporary policy can be answered by contacting Town Manager, Rich Charnovich.

The Council agreed to forego discussion on the enforcement of generator noise until the September 6, 2011 Meeting. The Pool House Construction Update was deferred to a later date due to length of many of the other items on the agenda. Inquiries about the status of the project can be directed to Rich Charnovich, Town Manager.

Council Meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Council Special Meeting
July 27, 2011 Meeting

1. Approval to amend the Building Permit at 4815 Essex Avenue to allow a shift of the house 1.93 feet to the left.
2. Approval to add Town Manager-Clerk Treasurer, Richard Charnovich to the Town's signature cards and to be the holder of the Town's Commercial Credit Card.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – Tuesday, September 5, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website:

www.townofsomerset.com

Regular Meeting of the Town Council

1. Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.
2. Regular Council Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Council Minutes – July 27, 2011 Special Meeting

August 1, 2011 Regular Meeting

3. Financial Report – 7:35 p.m.
4. Suggestions and Comments from Residents – 7:40 p.m.
5. Fact-finding Hearing/Action on an application to remove private trees at 4825 Essex Avenue. The applicant is James Margolis, c/o Sandy Spring Builders. The trees to be removed are as follow: 21” Pine, 20” Cherry, 8” Japanese Maple, 8” Dogwood, 24” Hackberry, 8” Maple – 7:45 p.m.
6. Fact-finding Hearing/Action on an application to remove private trees at 4525 Dorset Avenue. The applicants are Fayezul and Yasmin Choudhury. The trees to be removed are as follow: Mulberry Tree at the right side of the house, Cedar Tree in the back right yard, Locust Tree at the far right corner in bamboo, Black Cherry Tree in the left back yard, 9 Hemlocks on the left side of the house and left rear – 7:50 p.m.
7. Continue a fact-finding hearing/Action on the progress of construction work at 4909 Essex Avenue – 7:55 p.m.
8. Action on Formal Decision on two approved Pepco permits for specified work within the Town as drafted by the Town Attorney – 8:10 p.m.*
9. Discussion regarding the Town’s enforcement of generator noise regulations – 8:20 p.m.
10. Pool House Update – 8:35 p.m.*
11. Discussion/Action regarding proposed installation of Nano Walls at the Town Pool House – 8:50 p.m.*
12. Discussion/Action on the Town Pool Security Policy – 9:00 p.m.
13. Action on an approved proposal from Vigilant Security for Remote Video Monitoring at the Town Pool House in the amount of \$3,375.00 – 9:05 p.m.
14. Action on authorizing special trash pickup for Monday, October 17, 2011 – 9:10 p.m.
15. Mayor’s Report – 9:15 p.m.
16. Adjourn – 9:20 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 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.



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