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Town Election For Three Council Seats On March 20

By Phyllis Wiesenfelder, Chair, Board of Supervisors of Elections

Town residents will have an opportunity to vote for three Town Council seats in the upcoming election **on March 20, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Nominations for the three Council seats will be accepted at the Town Council meeting scheduled for February 4, 2013.** Additional nominations may be made if 20 registered voters sign a petition, and it is filed with the Clerk-Treasurer not less than 21 days before the election.

The Town Charter requires its elected officials to be:

- Citizens of the United States;
- Residents of the Town of Somerset for at least 18 months preceding the election; and
- Qualified voters in the Town of Somerset and the State of Maryland.

If you are registered in Montgomery County, you are automatically registered in Somerset and can vote in the Town election. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you may vote in the Town election by filling out a voter registration form. You can register in person at the Town Hall on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by sending a completed registration form to the Town Hall. If you would like a registration form, please call the Town Hall at 301-657-3211 or email **Rich Charnovich** at manager@townofsomerset.com. The deadline for registering to vote is Wednesday, March 6, 2013.



First Brown Bag Lunch Of 2013

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

To start off the new year right, we have scheduled the first **quarterly Brown Bag lunch of 2013 for Friday, February 22nd from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.** As always, members of the Town Council and I welcome anyone who wants to talk about issues or share a story or two. Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Don't forget, as the Town has embarked on a healthy eating campaign, please consider this when making your food selections. Email me at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions. Don't miss this event!

Calendar

Monday, February 4

Somerset Town Council Meeting

Friday, February 22

Brown Bag Lunch

Monday, February 25

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 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

Finding Common Ground: A New Approach

Last month, I once again had the great fortune to attend the **Renaissance Weekend** in lovely historic Charleston, South Carolina. This invitation-only annual gathering brings together people from all walks of life for five days of talks and discussion with the mission of building bridges, exchanging ideas, and promoting civility. It is often associated with the Clintons, who used to attend on a regular basis, but the crowd is intentionally bipartisan and politics is only one aspect.

Among the participants this year were former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and her husband, Astronaut Mark Kelly. It was moving to have them there, particularly in light of the events in Newtown, CT.

During the Weekend, all guests are assigned to panels and plenaries. At the first one I attended, on finding the **middle ground on controversial issues** like gun policy, I had an “Aha” moment that I want to share.

After the panel members spoke, someone in the audience mentioned that in this country today we “self-segregate” according to our beliefs, and that this is the fundamental reason we can’t find middle ground. Opposite sides are not really talking to each other.

This statement was a real awakening for me.

Think about how like-minded people often live in the same neighborhoods, their children attend schools with like-minded parents, and our book club memberships, friendships, and places where we buy our food and the restaurants we frequent are all “homogenous.” For me, as a progressive Marylander, I realized that I am rarely in situations where I am actually talking, listening and sharing ideas with folks from the Right.

I truly believe that we will not make the progress we desire until we start having these important discussions and bridge these divides. Accordingly, in 2013, I am going to seek out opportunities to engage in dialogue with individuals who do not share some of my views. I look forward to listening and learning to see where common ground can be found even on such contentious issues as gun control.

In Somerset, we do a great job of listening to diverse views and respecting what each other has to say. Now let’s all find opportunities to expand these dialogues and develop friendships with those holding differing views. Let’s also refrain from demonizing our political opponents because in the end this is counterproductive. After all, we are all on the same mission: maintain our Country as the best place in the world to live.

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Tennis Committee Proposes New Recommendations



By Mathew P. Fink,
Chair Tennis
Committee

The Tennis
Committee
met twice

in January and made a **variety of recommendations** to the Town Council. These recommendations will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on February 4, 2013. The recommendations follow:

Fees

In 2012, as recommended by the Committee, the Council raised the tennis card fee for each household from \$5 to \$20 since it appeared that the low fee was causing many households to ignore the system. The change worked: the Town sold cards to about 85 households.

The Committee recommends that the same \$20 fee be charged in 2013.

Repair and Repainting

The current cushioned surface was installed in 2001 with the recommendation that it be repaired and repainted approximately every five years. It was repaired and repainted in 2005 and 2009.

The Committee recommends that the Council not authorize funds for repairs and repainting in 2013 since the courts likely will need major renovation in the next one or two years.

Renovation

The courts were constructed in 1966 with a stone and asphalt bed underlying an asphalt surface. In

2001 a cushioned surface was installed on top on the asphalt surface. The courts are developing an increasing number of bubbles and soft spots. The Committee met with three companies, all of whom believe the courts will need major renovation in one or two years.

The Committee will examine the courts in the spring.

The Committee recommends that the Council reserve funds or take other appropriate steps to prepare for a major renovation in the next one or two years at a cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Camp Summerset

The camp has asked the Town to permit the camp to use the courts this coming summer.

The Committee recommends that:

- 1. the Camp have exclusive use of the three courts each day of its first session, June 24 to July 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.,**
- 2. the Camp may ask for a similar arrangement for its second and third sessions, and**
- 3. the Camp will pay a fee of \$10 per session for each participating camper who is not a Somerset resident.**



Letter To The Editor

I am writing this letter as a public safety message for the Somerset community. I want to share a video, produced by the Department of Homeland Security that I incorporated into my Personal Security Seminar at the George Schultz

Center and Foreign Service Institute. I am a Retired Federal Agent, and a former member of the Secret Service and the U.S. Diplomatic Security Service.

By Congressional mandate, every U.S. government employee going abroad, including U.S. ambassadors, must attend a two-day Department of State seminar and view this video. The video contains the same information and common sense tactics that the NYPD, State Department, and other State and Federal agencies, post Newtown, recently made available to protect their employees and families.

The video reenacts a real scenario and illustrates how to respond **immediately** to protect yourself. Parents can judge if their children should view this video. I know that we don't want to think about and may never have to face an active shooter situation or terrorist assault, but it can happen anywhere and anytime. Take a look at **Run. Hide. Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event** at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>.

Sincerely,
Bruce W. Tully, Warwick Place

Notes From The Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month, I will identify key issues and activities planned or underway in the Town of Somerset. As always, if anyone has any questions on Town operations, please contact me at manager@townofsomerset.com or 301-657-3211.

5-Year Fiscal Plan

Over the next few months, I will be working with Mayor Slavin on the Town's 5-year fiscal plan. This document will be presented to the Council at its March 4, 2013 meeting. Although this document is not legally binding, it provides the Town with an outline for its revenues and expenditures, both operating and capital, in the short and longer term. I always welcome comments from Town residents on this 5-year plan as it's being developed.

Tax Season Approaching

Somerset's largest source of revenue is the portion of State income tax paid by Town residents. Unfortunately, Somerset will not get its share of income taxes unless our name appears on the

information, please visit the Town's website where an election information FAQ has been created.

Town Hall Calendar Reminder

Please keep in mind that the Town Hall maintains on its website's homepage a calendar of committee meetings and classes. There are several exercise classes as well as Town

Committee meeting notices that may be of interest to you.



Winter Reminders

Now that we are approaching winter, here are a few reminders:

- **Snow Removal** – 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 less than two inches of snow accumulate in the front or on the side of your property, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks clear. The Town contractor will remove snow in excess of two inches.
- **Snow Plows** – When it snows, please park cars in driveways so the plows can do a better job.
- **Batting cage** – The batting cage located at the Town Hall will be closed from December through February. In the past, snow caused some damage to the cage. It will reopen in early March.
- **Odd Jobs Helpers** – Finally, please keep in the mind the "odd jobs" list

Maryland income tax form in the box marked, "City, Town or Taxing Area." **Please do not forget to complete this section when filling out your taxes.**

Spring Tree Plantings

At the February Town Council Meeting, the Council will be acting on approximately 35 trees proposed for planting. These trees are a combination of the Town's annual plantings and replacements for trees that Pepco has removed. The Town's Arborist and the Town's Parks and Natural Resources Committee are making recommendations on tree types and locations. Please refer to the Council Agenda in this edition of the Journal for specific information on the tree types and locations.

2013 Town Election

The 2013 Town Election will be held on **March 20, 2013** from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town Hall located at 4510 Cumberland Avenue. For important election

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on January 7, 2013. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the December 3, 2012, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and December 20, 2012, Closed Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of demolition, building, curb cut, generator, tree removal and tree reforestation permits for 4710 Falstone Avenue.
3. Tabled a request for a Washington Gas project on Essex Avenue. The applicant asked to be removed from the Agenda.
4. Denial of an appeal request by property owner at 5800 Deal Place to change a canopy tree to an ornamental tree to be planted on the property.
5. Approval to remove a red oak tree on Town Parkland at the rear of 5509 Uppingham Street.
6. Approval of the removal of 7 hemlocks, 2 mulberry trees, and 1 maple tree at 4807 Dorset Avenue. The applicant is required to replant 1 canopy tree and 7 ornamental trees.
7. Approval to hire an independent contractor at the request of the PNR Committee to develop a stewardship plan for Somerset Parkland at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.
8. Approval to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Montgomery County Council in relation to the current Zoning Text Amendment that is currently before the Council.
9. Approval to authorize entering into an agreement with Balodemas Architects at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purpose of completing a site survey and selection of materials to be used to complete improvements in the Town Hall.
10. Tabled discussion and action on the purchase of ADA equipment at the Town Pool House until February.
11. Approved the purchase of 64-gallon recycling bins that the Town will distribute.
12. Adoption of a Resolution to participate in the HEAL Cities Program.
13. Approval of Mayor Slavin's renomination of Debbie Heller to serve as Chair of the Town Pool Committee for a term expiring on December 31, 2013.
14. Approval to change the September Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, September 3, 2012, due to the Labor Day Holiday.
15. The Council heard the Town Manager's Financial Report. Mayor Slavin stated that his report was available for anyone to review. Town Inspector Larry Plummer provided an update on ongoing construction projects at 5529 Uppingham, 5513 Uppingham and 5510 Trent Street.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Slavin led the Council and meeting visitors in a moment of silence for the victims in the tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. During the public comment period, Council Member Pickar provided an update in the Pepco rate case that is before the Public Service Commission.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Slavin discussed with the Council his and the Town's role moving forward in the group Mayor's Against Illegal Guns. Discussion also took place regarding a project by North Park Apartments and associated safety measures to protect pedestrians on the pathway by the pool to Wisconsin Avenue.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Many thanks to the large number of residents who participated in the Town's first organized effort to show appreciation for the Town's employees. Because of this generosity, we were able to give larger than usual holiday gifts to our outstanding staff. The Council and I want to express our gratitude for this outpouring. Because of this success, we will make this an annual activity.

As you know, our employees work extremely hard and must contend with the high cost of living in the DC metropolitan area. They appreciate these gifts.



Holiday Gifts To Our Outstanding Staff

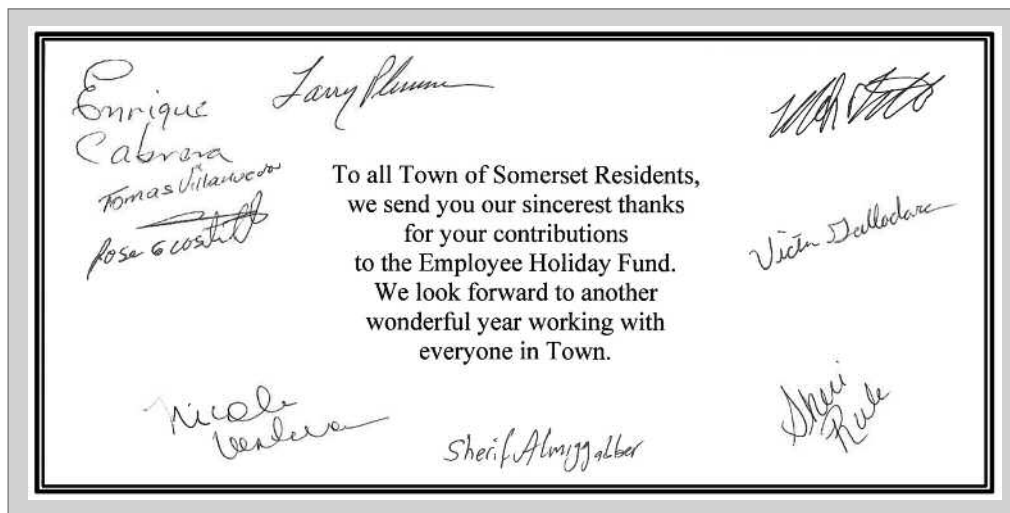
I am pleased to report that the Maryland Public Service Commission has granted the Town's request to become a party in **Pepco's case before the Public Service Commission** where Pepco is attempting to raise its rates. The Commission also gave Montgomery County and the Cities of Rockville and Gaithersburg the same status. As an official party, the Town will have a means to express the frustrations of our residents with the lack of acceptable service by Pepco. We hope that by intervening in the case, the Commission will give greater weight to the views of ratepayers like our residents, and that by putting this pressure on the utility, service will improve. All this will be done at minimal cost to the Town, and we will be seeking pro bono legal assistance when and if necessary. My special thanks to Council Member **Cathy Pickar** for the initiative she has taken

on this issue, and the extra time that Council Member **Franny Peale** has spent. Look for a lot more news and information about this case throughout the winter and spring.

As I have often mentioned, this year I am spearheading the Town's participation in a campaign to help us deal with obesity, a major public health issue that is linked to every major disease. The Maryland Municipal League will soon be encouraging all of its members to become a part of the **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)** campaign, and our Town is already leading the way. Last month, the Council adopted a resolution to "sign on." At the February Council meeting, I hope that specific policies will be adopted. The idea behind the effort is for us to learn about nutrition and exercise, offer opportunities to eat better and exercise more, and encourage residents' participation. I am excited about this because I think it will improve people's lives, which for me is the main reason for holding elected office! I am convinced that through good public policy at the local level, we can be as successful in reducing obesity as we were in reducing the incidence of smoking. This program has been successful in California, and Somerset is **the first town outside of California to join up**. The Maryland Municipal League has endorsed our efforts. The Town's own **Wellness Group**, under the guidance of **Diane Horn** (Surrey), is looking for more members, so please join.

The other day I ran into former Council member **Barry Levine** (Grantham), which reminded me how much our former elected officials are responsible for the success of the Town today. At some point in the coming months, I will be gathering the former council members for a social event with the current ones. They are a part of our history now.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Be sure to say "I Love You" to those you care about!



that was distributed to Town residents as an insert in the January Town Journal. If you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling or property maintenance during the winter months, take a look at this list. Contact the Town Hall if you need a new copy.



Blue Recycling Bins

Blue Recycling Bins Update

The Town Council has authorized the purchase of additional **blue recycling bins**. Within the next few months, the bins will be delivered to the Town Hall. Several years ago, residents had the opportunity to request a blue recycling bin. The Town Hall has a record of those homes that received them. If you never received a bin when they were initially distributed and need one, please contact the Town Hall.

We want to encourage as much recycling as possible.

Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is a reminder that the Town of Somerset must approve any trees to be removed within the Town, whether they are Town trees 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.



Noise Amendments Adopted

Construction Noise Amendments Passed

The Town has adopted amendments on construction noise restrictions. A copy of the Ordinance can be obtained by contacting Town Hall. Here is a summary of the Ordinance:

- **Non-holiday weekdays:** No construction activities shall commence prior to **7:00 a.m.** and all construction activities shall end no later than **7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturdays:** No construction activities shall commence prior to **9:00 a.m.** and all construction activities shall end no later than **7:00 p.m.**
- **Sundays:** Construction activities are prohibited except for interior work that cannot be heard by neighbors.
- **Holidays:** Construction activities on a holiday weekday or a holiday Saturday are limited to the hours of **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Lawn maintenance** activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on **non-holiday weekdays** between **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** However, lawn maintenance work that involves the use of power equipment is permitted on **non-holiday weekdays** between **7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. if only one piece of power equipment is used.**
- **Lawn maintenance** activities that involve the use of power equipment are permitted on **weekends and holidays** between **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Obtain the Town Journal Online

We would like to urge as many residents as possible to receive their Town Journal electronically. As a Tree City USA and a PLANT Maryland Community, Somerset wants to reduce its impact on the environment by encouraging residents to receive their copy of the Town Journal by email. If you are not currently on the Town Journal email distribution list and would like to receive an electronic copy, please contact the Town Hall at manager@townofsomerset.com or at **301-657-3211**.

Permits Granted



Tree Removal Permits:

4919 Dorset Avenue, Fir Tree, tree was dead and hazardous

Somerset Participates In The HEAL Cities And Towns Campaign

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member

At the Town Council Meeting held on January 7, 2013, the Council adopted a resolution approving the Town's participation in the **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Program**, as recommended by Mayor Slavin.



The HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign is an initiative to help cities and towns in Maryland stem the obesity epidemic by supporting residents to make

informed choices. The HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign is modeled after the successful California HEAL Cities Campaign, which began in 2008. It has assisted over 142 California cities adopt HEAL policies. Somerset's adoption of the resolution last month makes Somerset the first city or town outside of California to join the HEAL program. The Maryland Municipal League will be encouraging all of its members to become part of the HEAL Campaign.

At the February 4, 2013 Council Meeting, we will discuss adopting some specific policies to promote better nutrition in our community. If you have any interest in this initiative, please email the Council at Council@townofsomerset.com or contact **Diane Horn** (Surrey) to join her Wellness Group. For more information on HEAL, go to www.healcitiesmidatlantic.org.



Somerset Tree Planting In Spring 2013

Twenty three trees are proposed for planting in Somerset this spring:

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| 4806 Essex Ave. – Scarlet Oak (1) | 5509 Greystone St. – Willow Oak (1) |
| 4816 Essex Ave. – Scarlet Oak (1) | 5514 Greystone St. – Red Maple (1) |
| 4818 Essex Ave. – Scarlet Oak (1) | 5809 Surrey St. – Yellowwood (1) |
| 4902 Essex Ave. – Scarlet Oak (1) | 4711 Trent Ct. – Flowering Cherry (1) |
| 4704 Falstone Ave. – Flowering Cherry (1) | 5608 Warwick Pl. – Yellowwood (1) |
| 4807 Falstone Ave. – Flowering Cherry (2) | 5702 Warwick Pl. – Redbud (1) |
| 4911 Falstone Ave. – Redbud (1) | 4728 Dorset Ave. (on Surrey) – transplant existing zelkova from |
| 5506 Greystone St. (on Surrey) – Willow Oak (2) | 4800 Grantham (on Surrey) |
| 5506 Greystone St. – Yellowwood (1) | 4800 Gratham St. (on Surrey) – White Oak (1) |
| | Pool Pond – Pawpaw (2) |

Note: These trees will be purchased and installed by PEPCO subcontractor

Pepco will replace the following 15 trees:

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| 5800 Deal Pl. (on Dorset) – Yellowwood (1) | 4915 Dorset Ave. – Yellowwood (1) |
| 5800 Deal Pl. (on Dorset) – Yellowwood (1) | 4731 Essex Ave. – Yellowwood (1) |
| 4525 Dorset Ave. – Yellowwood (1) | 4807 Essex Ave. – Yellowwood (1) |
| 4817 Dorset Ave. – Yellowwood (1) | 4906 Falstone Ave. – Redbud (1) |
| 4823 Dorset Ave. – Yellowwood (2) | 5403 Greystone St. – Redbud (1) |
| 4910 Dorset Ave. – Willow Oak (1) | 5413 Surrey St. – Dogwood (1) |
| | 5510 Uppingham St. – Dogwood (1) |
| | 5702 Warwick Pl. – Redbud (1) |

Computer Crime



Birdie Pieczenik, Recent Chair, Somerset Security Committee

It's terrific that the Bethesda police have been writing to the Town frequently, keeping us apprised of crimes in and around the community, apprehensions of alleged perpetrators, and suggestions for how to protect oneself against personal and property crime. We hope that residents will take these suggestions seriously and act on them. So now on to computer crime. Most of us have seen an email that a Somerset resident is stranded in Spain and needs our money to pay her hotel bill and leave the country. Such emails have penetrated our personal in-boxes and the Somerset List Serve. Unfortunately, the computer of that "stranded" resident was hacked. What should she, and we, do to deter online crime? Right now, change your password. Make it a mix of letters and numbers that would be hard for anyone to guess. Check your computer to see if your anti-virus protection program is updated. Whenever possible, keep personal and sensitive information out of emails. Make a phone call to validate a suspicious email asking for personal information. Two banks I deal with called me this past month to ask if I had emailed them requesting my bank balance. I hadn't. But whoever had must have known my password in order to use my email address. You can be sure I've changed the password!

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – February 4, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: www.townofsomerset.com.

Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.



Council Members: Barbara Zeughauser, Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Condos

1. **Comments:** Public Comment Period – 7:30 p.m.*
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the January 7, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes – 7:50 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing:** The Board of Supervisors of Elections will receive nominations for 3 Council positions for 2 year terms each for the election to be held on March 20, 2013 – 7:55 p.m.
4. **Discussion:** Town Manager’s February Financial Report – 8:05 p.m.
5. **Discussion:** Status update on three construction projects: 5529 Uppingham Street, 5510 Trent Street, and 5513 Uppingham Street – 8:10 p.m.
6. **Discussion/Motion:** Request submitted by 4701 Willard Avenue to install tree protection and silt fencing on Town property for a project it will be completing on its site – 8:20 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To approve the following replacement Town trees to be planted by Pepco as recommended by the Town Arborist and PNRC Committee – 8:30p.m.

5800 Deal Place, 1 Yellowwood (on Dorset Avenue)
5800 Deal Place, 1 Yellowwood (on Dorset Avenue)
4525 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
4817 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
4823 Dorset Avenue, 2 Yellowwood
4910 Dorset Avenue, 1 Willow Oak
4915 Dorset Avenue, 1 Yellowwood

4731 Essex Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
4807 Essex Avenue, 1 Yellowwood
4906 Falstone Avenue, 1 Redbud
5403 Greystone Street, 1 Redbud
5413 Surrey Street, 1 Dogwood
5510 Uppingham Street, 1 Dogwood
5702 Warwick Place, 1 Redbud

8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To approve the following Town trees to be planted by Town staff as recommended by the Town Arborist and PNRC Committee – 8:45 p.m.

4806 Essex Avenue, 1 Scarlet Oak
4816 Essex Avenue, 1 Scarlet Oak
4818 Essex Avenue, 1 Scarlet Oak
4902 Essex Avenue, 1 Scarlet Oak
4704 Falstone Avenue, 1 Flowering Cherry
4807 Falstone Avenue, 2 Flowering Cherry
4911 Falstone Avenue, 1 Redbud
5506 Greystone Street, 2 Willow Oak (on Surrey St.)
5506 Greystone Street, 1 Yellowwood
5509 Greystone Street, 1 Willow Oak

5514 Greystone Street, 1 Red Maple
5809 Surrey Street, 1 Yellowwood
4711 Trent Court, 1 Flowering Cherry
5608 Warwick Place, 1 Yellowwood
5702 Warwick Place, 1 Redbud
4728 Dorset Avenue, transplant Zelkova from 4800 Grantham Avenue on Surrey Street
4800 Grantham Avenue, 1 White Oak (on Surrey St.)
Town Pool Property, 1 Paw Paw tree (1 Paw Paw tree already approved, 2 total required)

9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider sending a letter to the Montgomery County Council taking a position on Bill 35-12 that is meant to protect existing tree canopy, minimize the loss and disturbance of tree canopy as a result of development, and create a fund to plant new trees – 9:00 p.m.

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10. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider bids received for ADA improvements/equipment to be completed at the Town Pool – 9:10 p.m.
11. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider proposals received to refurbish/purchase chairs for the Town Pool – 9:20 p.m.
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of a Resolution setting the tennis court fees for FY2014 at \$20.00 per household (no increase) as recommended by the Tennis Committee – 9:30 p.m.
13. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of certain policies in relation to the HEAL Cities Campaign as recommended by Mayor Slavin – 9:35 p.m.
14. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 9:45 p.m.
15. **Adjourn:** – 9:50 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.

Please note the Public Comment Period at 7:30 p.m. may run less than 20 minutes. Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item’s scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

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

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 contact Rich Charnovich at Town Hall if you are interested in what has been added, or consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town website for the most up-to-date Agenda.