



# SOMERSET TOWN JOURNAL

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and Grow Strong”*



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## Somerset Residents Learn About River Road-Westbard Planning Process

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice-President, Uppingham Street

More than 40 Somerset residents attended a tutorial on the River Road-Westbard Sector Plan planning process on December 15th. Pat Baptiste, of the Town of Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers and a former member of the Montgomery County Planning Board, told residents how communities near Chevy Chase Lake set priorities and worked with Planning Department staff on the recently approved Chevy Chase Lake Plan. Pat also talked about the challenges the communities faced as the draft plan worked its way through the Planning Board and the County Council. Council Vice-President Marnie Shaul presented the framework for the planning process for River Road-Westbard, what steps have been completed and what will happen over the next 18 months. The panel was moderated by **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick).



Residents asked many questions and expressed concerns about increased traffic, especially on Dorset Avenue. All Somerset Council Members were in attendance at the meeting and heard residents' concerns. In addition,

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## Open House for Attorney General Brian Frosh Somerset Town Hall, Sunday, January 11, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Please join Mayor Slavin and the Town Council on Sunday, January 11th, at Town Hall to congratulate our own **Brian Frosh** (Grantham) soon after his swearing-in as Maryland's 46th Attorney General. Brian will be the first Town resident to hold a statewide office.

Please stop by to shake Brian's hand, pat him on the back, and thank him for his years of service representing us in the Maryland House of Delegates and State Senate. Brian and his family look forward to seeing his neighbors

as he launches the next phase of his illustrious career.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is for Somerset residents only. No RSVPs are necessary.

### Calendar

#### Sunday, January 11

Somerset Open House for Brian Frosh

#### Monday, January 26

MVA Mobile Office

#### Thursday, January 29

Brown Bag Lunch

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

## Remembering My Heroes

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

It is said that bad things always come in threes. To that point, over the last month, I have lost three men whose influence upon me has been profound and has enhanced my ability to serve Somerset. I think about each of them every day.

In the 1980s, I was appointed by **Mayor Marion Barry** to the D.C. Human Rights Commission, where I helped individuals receive justice when they were discriminated against. I came to know Mr. Barry and was inspired by his story. While a man from humble beginnings, he dedicated his life to serving his people and reforming government. And while he had his demons, he was a kind man and never aspired to financial success for himself, but helped many others on this road.

In the last decade, I was fortunate to be befriended by and then work with Town of Somerset Council Member **Alan Proctor**, who was a community builder, had a great mind and was a real visionary for the Town, way beyond what he ever took credit for. I watched Alan in his quiet way taking initiatives that vastly improved the lives of our residents, in ways large and small. Alan masterminded the reconstruction of our award-winning pool house and he also forced us to professionalize our contracting and procurement, which most residents are probably not aware of. Since his passing, the words of praise have been pouring in, deservedly so.

And finally, just last week, I lost my larger than life father, **Sandy Slavin**, who taught me many, many lessons about life. I learned so much from him. He taught me to respect everyone's point of view, to try to bring people together rather than create conflict, and to be tolerant to all.

My heroes have played a large role in my life. My heroes have guided me daily. I hope all of you have heroes too, and it's never too late to find one.



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## Happy New Year Greetings to All Somerset Residents!

### Christmas Tree Pickup

Unity Disposal will have a Christmas tree pickup on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**. Please have your tree out on the curb before 7:00 a.m. that morning. If you miss this date, Unity will also pick up Christmas trees during normal refuse pickups on Tuesday mornings. Please make sure the trimmings from the tree are removed before placing your trees on the curb.

### Town Website Update

Our new Town website is live at [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com). Please refer to the insert in this month's Journal for details!

### No Parking Near Driveways

Homeowners have contacted me recently about parking regulations near private driveways. This has especially been an issue in areas closer to Somerset Elementary School. Please keep in mind that Montgomery County Parking Law 31-18 stipulates that a person cannot park within 5 feet of a driveway. **Violations should be reported to the Bethesda 2nd District Police Department Non-Emergency Number at 240-773-6700.**

### No Parking Left Wheels to the Curb

This is a friendly reminder that it is a Montgomery County police code violation (31-20 b10) to park your vehicle on the street opposite the flow of traffic (left wheels to the curb).

### Project to Update the Town Code

Beginning in January 2015, over the course of the next 12 to 18 months, the Town staff, Council, Mayor and consultants will be working closely with the Town Attorney

on updating the Town Code of Ordinances and Charter. Public comment and participation will occur during the process.

### WSSC Status



A public information session was held on October 20, 2014 with WSSC and its consultants about proposed sewer rehabilitation in Town parkland. As of December 15th, the Town had not been provided with the additional information that was requested at the October 20th meeting. Please monitor notices future news and meetings on this topic.

### Winter Season 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 a property, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep those areas clear. The Town contractor is responsible only for removing snow in excess of two inches.

- **Snow Plows**



Please 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 enables the plows to do a better job.

### Odd Jobs Helpers

Finally, please keep in the mind the "odd jobs" list that can be distributed to Town residents upon request. If you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling or maintenance around your property during the winter months, take a look at this list. Contact the Town Hall if you need a new copy.

# Council Meeting Actions

*The Town Council met in regular session on December 1, 2014. The Council took the following actions:*

1. Approval of the November 3, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the November 3, 2014 closed Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Slavin read the closed meeting minutes into the record.
3. Approval of a HVAC Unit Permit Application submitted for 4718 Cumberland Avenue contingent upon the unit meeting all of the required noise levels.
4. Approval of an amendment to the building permit in place at 4511 Dorset Avenue for an adjusted roof height which was adjusted and approved by Montgomery County Permitting Services.
5. Approval of a building permit extension until July 6, 2015 for the project occurring at 4511 Dorset Avenue.
6. Approval of an application submitted by Washington Gas to replace 8 services via Keyhole Insertion on Cumberland Avenue, Dorset Avenue, and Warwick Place. (Washington Gas will be notifying each of the specific service locations)
7. Approval of the removal of the following trees at 5528 Trent Street: 8” Leyland Cypress, 9” Leyland Cypress, 11” Leyland Cypress.
8. Approval of the removal of the following Town trees at the expense of Pepco. (Pepco will be providing the Town with 30 ornamental trees as reforestation to be planted in the spring.

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| 4900 Cumberland Avenue 17” dbh Pin Oak # 98              | 5510 Trent Street 29” dbh Bradford Pear #652              |
| 4507 Dorset Avenue 17” dbh Pin Oak #144                  | 5503 Uppingham Street 23” Red Maple #699                  |
| 4909 Falstone Avenue 14” dbh Ash #415                    | 5509 Uppingham Street 19” dbh Red Maple #703              |
| 4816 Grantham Avenue 25” Red Maple #489 on Greystone St. | 5601 Warwick Place 25” dbh White Pine #999                |
| 5526 Greystone Street 21” dbh Red Maple #506             | 5702 Warwick Place 14” dbh Red Maple #790                 |
| 5410 Surrey Street 21” dbh Pin Oak #534                  | 5800 Warwick Place 13” dbh Mulberry no tag on Dorset Ave. |
| 5501 Surrey Street 21” dbh Pin Oak #535                  | 5812 Warwick Place 22” dbh Pin Oak #816                   |
| 5712 Surrey Street 52” dbh Silver Maple #582             | dbh – diameter at 4.5’ above ground level                 |
9. Approval of a proposal submitted by Outdoor Illumination Services for lighting on the Town Pool House, pool parking lot, and pathway near the pool at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00.
10. Approval of a proposal submitted by General Code for Town Code and Charter rewriting services at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 contingent up the review of the proposal by the Town Attorney.
11. Approval of a proposal submitted by Community Pools for Pool Management services for the 2015 season contingent upon review of the contract by the Town Attorney.
12. Approval of a proposal from Criterion, Inc. Outdoor Furniture Repair in the amount of \$3,433.20 to re-finish and re-strap 48 pool chairs.
13. In addition to the Council actions, Mayor Slavin provided his report to the Council and Town Manager Charnovich provided the Financial Report. Ed Mulheron, the Town’s snow removal contractor, attended the meeting to provide a brief report on winter season preparations. Town Manager Charnovich briefly presented a winter season memo of topics he compiled over the course of his tenure with Somerset. Pest control proposals for the Town Pool area were obtained, but the topic was tabled until the January or February meeting at the latest. Additional proposals were requested.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

On December 1, I had the extreme honor of representing the Town at the beautiful swearing-in ceremony for newly re-elected **County Executive Ike Leggett** and the new County Council at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville. There were musical performances by high school and college groups, and Mr. Leggett gave a rousing address. It was also great to watch District 3 **Council Member Sidney Katz** take his seat, following many years of service as the

Mayor of Gaithersburg. The Town Council and I have worked closely with Sidney on a number of municipal issues. Earlier that day, I attended a meaningful County-sponsored interfaith religious service at a Rockville church which reflected the great diversity in our County.



Somerset town staff at the annual staff lunch

Once again this year, Somerset has created a Holiday Fund so that collectively we can recognize our loyal and hard working Town employees for their service in 2014. The response has been overwhelming. Checks were presented to employees at the annual staff lunch on December 15th, and more checks will be presented in early January. So it is not too late to contribute. Make checks payable to "Town of Somerset" and put "holiday fund" on the subject line. You can leave your checks at Town Hall or at my residence on Warwick Place. We don't provide a suggested donation amount but I can report that in the past the gift range has been from \$25 to \$500. The Council and I sincerely appreciate the community's generosity.

On a recent weekend, a sizeable number of residents showed up at Town Hall for our annual Community Service Day. The primary project was to make lots of sandwiches and assemble lunch bags for the homeless men sheltered at the



Somerset annual Community Service Day

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless on East Gude Drive in the Upcounty. I want to acknowledge and thank three organizations that each donated a \$25 gift card to help us purchase food and other items. They are the Giant at Friendship Heights, the Safeway at Bradley Boulevard, and Costco at Wheaton Plaza. With their support and additional contributions from Town residents, we were able to make approximately 300 sandwiches. We also made toys for pets at the Montgomery County Humane Society—an appropriate task for a community like ours that so highly values its furry friends. It was great to see so many of our young people enthusiastically participating at this event.

Additionally, throughout December, we will continue to collect toys, canned food and clothing which will be given to several Montgomery County nonprofits that assist needy families. Please try to get your donations to us as soon as possible so that underprivileged children in our community will have happier holidays. A list of the accepted items is located on the box on the Town Hall porch. You can also view this list at the Infaith Works website: [www.iworksmc.org/wish-list](http://www.iworksmc.org/wish-list).



Jamie Miller, Ed and Jacob Fowlkes (Falstone) contributing toys to Toys for Tots at Town Hall

Last, it seems that our U.S. mail service has improved over the last year since we took action on the complaints we had received. I know that our Congressman, Chris Van Hollen, went out of his way to help. However, the Town staff and I have recently received additional complaints about the mail service. In response, we have arranged to meet with the Congressman's staff to review these new issues. From this point on, I would like to encourage anyone with a concern regarding their mail service (general or specific, large or small) to write to me (even if you already have) so that we can bring such issues forward as they are raised.

In closing, let's be grateful for all our blessings and the wonderful reunions we will have this month. Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year and safe travels to everyone. My best wishes for a successful 2015.



## In Memoriam

# Alan Proctor, December 18, 1948 – December 8, 2014

## Alan Proctor's Many Contributions to Our Town

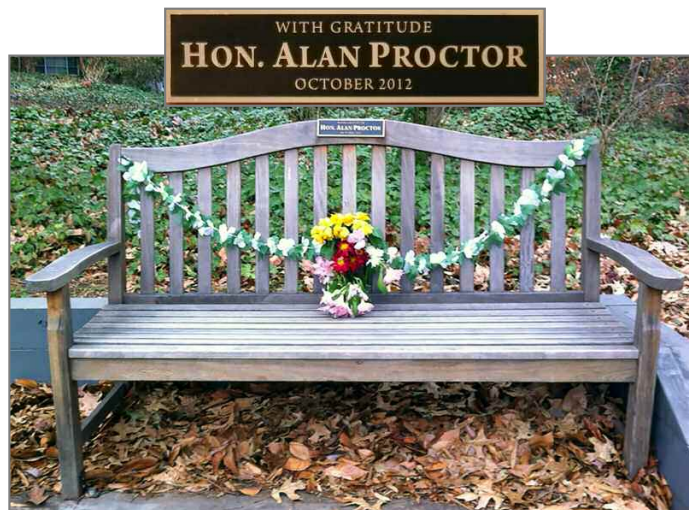
By Barbara Zeughouser, Council Member, Trent Street

Alan Proctor, a long-time Somerset resident, died peacefully in his Palo Alto “borrowed” house on December 8, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Alan and his wife, Anne, spent most of the last 27 years in Somerset, raising their four boys, Christopher, Haley, Devon and Douglas, in their home on Cumberland Avenue. Alan served on the Council for two terms (as did Anne), and was involved in many Town, school and neighborhood activities. He was always eager to explore how we could make Somerset an even better place to live.

Prior to serving on the Town Council, Alan was Chairman of the Pool Committee. During his tenure, the Town installed the water slide, built the picnic area, started movie nights, and purchased the tent and sound system that are now used at the pool and the Town Hall. Alan was always looking for ways to bring the community (particularly, the children of Somerset) together. During his tenure on the Council, Alan served as one of our contracting officers for the Pool house renovation. He worked tirelessly for more environmentally friendly and more cost-effective streetlights as well as initiatives to assure the Town was progressive in its environmental policies, such as storm water management and the preservation of trees.

Many, many years ago (indeed prior to the renovation of Somerset Elementary School), Alan worked closely with the PTA's Technology Committee to install the first local area network and PCs in the County. And when he thought the children would benefit from a school deck, Alan directed his energy (along with his tools and many friends), to build a beautiful, useful and environmentally friendly deck behind the school. His energy was contagious.

Alan's journey with brain cancer was much longer than anyone might have expected. He was a loving husband and father, and a very dear friend to so many people here in Somerset. Alan will be sorely missed.



Flowers placed on bench in Alan's memory



*We  
Remember*

## **Lynn Rodney Hogg: May 23, 1957 – Nov 25, 2014 (Obituary)**

By Edith Hogg, Trent Street

As I was not fortunate enough to have been born in this great nation, but my child was born in Washington, DC, the capital of the world.

My son, Lynn Rodney Hogg, was born on May 23, 1957. In a few days, Lynn came to Trent Street, his home for many years. He went to Somerset Elementary where while playing baseball he hit a ball into the window of the school. He also attended Western Junior High and graduated from BCC High School. At BCC, he was Montgomery County heavyweight wrestling champion. He was also on the Dean's list as well as on the football and wrestling teams at Towson State University. After graduation from Towson State University, Lynn became a teacher and coached football at BCC and wrestling at Walt Whitman. He ultimately became a very successful businessman in many different ventures in the U.S. as well as in other parts of the world.

Lynn thanked me for coming from good stock, giving him a wonderful environment as well as a good education. I gave him the tools but he was a self-made man.

On November 25, 2014, at the age of 57, Lynn Rodney Hogg passed away. He lived in the area near Catonsville, MD for many years. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Smith, son of the late Hans. H. Hogg, loving father of Jessica, Joshua, Kaitlan, brother of Edward and uncle of Jacqueline. He also had many other supportive family, friends and coworkers.

## **General Permits**



### **Tree Removal Permits**

5406 Trent Street, 1 Bradford Pear  
4800 Grantham Avenue, 1 Black Cherry  
5401 Uppingham Street, 1 Eastern White Pine  
5522 Uppingham Street, 1 Pin Oak  
5820 Surrey Street, 1 Red Oak and 1 White Oak

5408 Trent Street, 1 Black Locust  
5406 Trent Street, 1 Eastern White Pine  
4811 Grantham Avenue, 1 Eastern White Pine

### **Dumpster Permit**

4708 Dorset Avenue

## Save the Date



### Thursday, January 29, 2015 – Brown Bag Lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Our first brown bag lunch of 2015 will be held on **Thursday, January 29, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.** at Town Hall—just a few days before the Super Bowl!

As always, members of the Council and I will host anyone from Town interested and available to talk about issues or share a story or two. It will also be a good opportunity to ask about the Town's upcoming FY 2015 budget.

Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share—and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Email me at [mayor@townofsomerset.com](mailto:mayor@townofsomerset.com) if you have any questions.

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## A New Art Exhibit Coming to the Town Hall



**Florence Gang** (Falstone) will have an exhibit of her paintings at the Town Hall from **January 14th through March 19th**. The paintings are mixed media, acrylic on canvas, and some collages. Florence has lived in Somerset for over 50 years. She has shown her artwork in numerous galleries throughout the Washington Metropolitan area, receiving several awards. She was co-founder of Washington Artours, an organization providing lectures on painting and sculpture, and tours of points of artistic interest in the Washington D.C. area. Florence also served as a docent at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. She is a graduate of American University and has taught art history. The **opening reception** for her exhibit will be held on **Sunday, February 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** At that time, additional unframed paintings will be offered for sale at significantly reduced prices.

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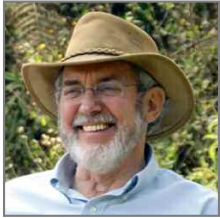
### Somerset Residents Learn About River Road-Westbard Planning Process *from page 1*

Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) volunteered to put the documents that were used at the meeting on a special page on the Town's new website.

Somerset residents were encouraged to participate as often as possible in the planning process. The Planning Board heard preliminary Planning Department recommendations on December 18th, and this meeting was open to the public and also available for viewing on the Board's website. Letting Planning Board Members and County Council Members know about our concerns is important. The Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights, which Somerset belongs to, meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Somerset Town Hall and will be discussing the River Road-Westbard Sector Plan at every meeting and developing strategies to represent member communities' interests.

As a next step for Somerset, in January we will set up a meeting with Planning Department staff to get an update on their work.





## All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

“  
Have a Happy  
Somerset  
New Year!  
”

In January 2012, I introduced myself to my fellow community members in my first “All About People” column. I also thanked my predecessor, **Alan Proctor**, for starting the column and setting such a high standard for me to follow. Now I am very sad to note that Alan died in early December after a long illness. My last meeting with Alan was on the trail in Little Falls Park west of Massachusetts Avenue, where he was maintaining his strength on a reclining bike. **Sara Anderson** (Falstone) summed up Alan’s contribution to Somerset in a recent listserv post, and for those of you who do not follow the listserv, I quote her here:

*As older neighbors will have remembered, Alan made many contributions to the town. BUT, he was also a creative presence at Somerset School when his kids were there. He was a moving force behind building (as in our working together to actually build) a wonderful (and large) deck in the back, the continuing efforts to improve the playing field, and providing and installing computers at the school. He not only*

*had ambitious ideas, he powered forward despite obstacles and the protests of the fainthearted. I’ll also note that his wife, Anne, was the source of two of the school’s most wonderful initiatives – service learning (called SKIP in my kid’s day) and Share our Diversity night. We were so lucky they chose to live in Somerset.*

Our condolences to Alan’s wife **Anne** and his children, **Christopher, Haley, Devon, and Douglas**.

In the December column, I mentioned that I had hoped to report on the impending WSSC work in our creek.

Unfortunately, there is nothing further to report, but we hope to hear from the project managers in January, so maybe next month.



Newlyweds Katie and Chris Schuster  
(Photographer/Chris Bien)

Last month, we had a new family move onto Warwick Place. Welcome to **Gillian and William Edick** and their children **Josie** (4 years old), and **Cameron** (2 years old). I am sure that they will soon be part of the “Somerset family!”

Here is some wedding news from **Joe and Joanne Steller** of Greystone Street. Joanne writes:

*Joe and I are joyfully celebrating the marriage of our daughter, **Katie**, to **Chris Schuster** on Tuesday, November 25th at our home. Their beautiful ceremony took place in our living room with immediate family present. Afterwards, a stretch limo managed to wind its way up Greystone to take us for a short cruise by the monuments at dusk, then to dinner at Bourbon Steak. Our daughter, **Rosanne**, her husband **Matt** and our grandson **Finlay**, traveled in from their home in Lander, WY to be in attendance. Also present were Chris’s parents, **Alex and Audrey Schuster** of Springfield, his sister and niece **Laurie and Charlotte Farrell**, and **Laurie’s beau Charles Stevens** – all of Vail, Arizona (yes, Arizona not Colorado). **Katie grew up in Somerset, attending Somerset Elementary, Westland, and BCC (class of 2002). She joined the Somerset swim team at age 7 when we moved here in 1991 and swam for the team every summer until she graduated from high school. Katie worked summers as a lifeguard, pool manager and she taught swim lessons for a couple of generations of Dolphins. They’ve made their first home together in Herdon, VA with their rescue puppy, Mila. We’re thrilled they are living nearby and that they come to visit us often.***

Another bit of neighborhood news . . . One of our resident artists, **Florence Gang** of Falstone Avenue will be exhibiting a collection of her paintings at the Town Hall this month, starting on January 13th. If you have not seen any of Florence’s work, make a point of visiting the Town Hall; you are in for a treat!

Another Town artist, **Lois Levitan** also of Falstone Avenue, not to be outdone by her neighbor and friend, last month was awarded first place for her sculpture “Beloved” in an exhibition mounted by the Rockville Art League Juried Members Show at Glenview Mansion in Rockville.

Stay warm, and drop me a line if you have news for next month’s column.



Lois Levitan’s sculpture,  
“Beloved”



## Classified Ads



### Miscellaneous

**BOZEMAN, MONTANA:** Ski Big Sky & the Bridgers! Enjoy our furnished four-bedroom+ home on 20 acres with spectacular 360 degree vistas. Only ten minutes from downtown Bozeman, 30 from skiing at Bridger Bowl, and 60 from Big Sky Ski/Resort. Hiking/biking trails everywhere! And then there's the fishing! Weekly/monthly rentals. Contact **Birdie Pieczenik** for more details at [srpvacationhomes@gmail.com](mailto:srpvacationhomes@gmail.com) or 301-652-1207.

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**Shereen's PEACE OF MIND SOAP:** Homemade soap in the neighborhood! Essential oils and dazzling colors make these soaps the perfect and unique "feel good" gift for friends and family. Also popular for teachers, bar/bat mitzvah hotel bags, wedding/bridal/baby shower favors, office parties, etc. You can choose the fragrance and color to match your occasion! Call **Shereen Rubenstein** at 301-613-3838.

**HOME HEALTH-CARE AND LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING:** My late wife was provided those services by a woman who is now available for other assignments in or near Somerset on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Outstanding initiative and reliability. For details, contact **Jim Wachob** at 301-656-5251 or at [Jwsomerset@msn.com](mailto:Jwsomerset@msn.com).

**LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS COACHING:** Would you like to get unstuck and upgrade your lifestyle and wellness habits? Small changes can make a lasting difference. If you are curious to see if coaching is right for you, contact Certified Wellness Coach **Diane Horn RDH CHHC** at 301-654-0310 or at [diane.b.horn@gmail.com](mailto:diane.b.horn@gmail.com).

*Ads are printed as a courtesy to Town residents. The Town makes no representations as to quality, safety or otherwise regarding the goods and services advertised. Readers should make their own inquiries. To place an ad, submit typed or neatly printed copy to the Clerk-Treasurer. Ads must include a Somerset phone number.*

**Price:** \$5 per advertisement per issue. Check or exact change. **Fifty word** limit per advertisement.



### Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just a Phone Call Away

If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, give us a ring. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help. Call **Zola Schneider** at 301-654-7481 or **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560 and we will set it up.

# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com).

**Council Work Session: 7:00 p.m.**

**Council Meeting Convenes: 7:30 p.m.**

**Comments: Public Comment Period: 7:30 p.m.\***



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

### CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the December 1, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes.

### NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's December Financial Report – 7:45 p.m.
2. **Public Hearing /Motion:** To consider approval of the Mayor's recommendation for 2015 Election Day in the Town of Somerset and to set the hours for voting as 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall – 7:50 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing /Motion:** To consider adoption of a Final Town of Somerset Memorial/Gift Donation Policy – 7:55 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing /Motion:** To consider approval of a gift donation application submitted by Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick, to donate a dog waste disposal unit to be placed in the Town at Founders Park – 8:05 p.m.
5. **Discussion/Motion:** To consider approval of a final pool management contract with Community Pools as reviewed by the Town Attorney – 8:10 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing /Motion:** To consider proposals received for pest monitoring at the Town Pool area – 8:20 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing /Motion:** To consider sending a letter to the Planning Board in relation to the Bethesda Fire Department 6600 Wisconsin Avenue site – 8:35 p.m.

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8. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 8:45 p.m.

9. **Adjourn:** – 8:50 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.

\* 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.

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