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Water Aerobics will be held at the Somerset Pool on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, June 15th to August 28th, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is welcome. The charge, \$5.00 per class, will be drawn from the pool account of each participant. Please make sure you have money in your account.

The class is held in deep water. Attendees can bring their belts or sit on a “noodle.” Belts may be bought at Anglo Dutch Pools and Toys at the Westbard shopping center.

Please contact **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset) with questions at 4708@yahoo.com or 301-654-8115.



Save the Date:

Pool Kickoff Party on June 13

The Town’s annually sponsored Summer Kickoff Pool Party will be held on **Saturday, June 13th from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** at the Town Pool! Come and join your fellow Somerset neighbors to enjoy light refreshments and a picnic style lunch.

Calendar

Saturday, June 13

Pool Kickoff Party

Monday, June 15

Water Aerobics Classes Begin

Monday, June 22

MVA Mobile Office

Don’t forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to www.townofsomerset.com and click on **Town Calendar**.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Musings on Baltimore

While we live not that far from Baltimore, we scarcely notice the distress that many of its residents suffer. The unfortunate events there over the past month have drawn national and international attention to severe problems in this great city. And while significant progress has certainly been made since the bad old days of the 60's, no one can deny that there is still a long, long way to go.

I would suggest that in our individual ways, it is time for each of us to make some kind of effort to add Baltimore to our priority list. Volunteering, collecting food, clothing, and toiletries and joining organizations would be a nice way to start. You can take a look at baltimorecity.gov/volunteer for specific volunteer opportunities. Speaking up with your friends and in public arenas would also help. Given the many needs of Charm City, we should also support legislative efforts to give it the help it needs.

And while everyone knows that I am a huge champion for the many families in need in Montgomery County, I do hope that some of our collective goodwill, which I marvel at daily, can be shared with the residents of a city currently in distress.

New Pet Station On Dorset Avenue



Town Foreman Enrique Cabrera and Thomas Villanova installing a new "pet station," recently donated by Mayor Slavin, on Dorset Avenue

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Somerset Wellness



By Diane Horn, Surrey Street

Welcome to spring. It's time to put on your walking shoes, get ready to swim and reconnect with our wonderful community. I'm compiling a list of all those interested in finding a walking partner. Please let me know the best days and times for you, and we'll take it from there.

Also, if you would like to find an "accountability" buddy to help you stay on track with your wellness goals, please let me know. Studies show it is easier to reach these goals if you have someone to check in with.

As a **Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL)** Town, we are always looking for ways to promote wellness. Please feel free to share any ideas you have and let's see if we can make them happen.

You can contact me at diane.b.horn@gmail.com or at 301-654-0310.



Somerset Sends Letter to Planning Board on Sector Plan

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice-President, Uppingham Street

At its May meeting, the Town Council approved sending a letter to the Planning Board commenting on the Planning Department's Concept Plan for River Road-Westbard, which the Board received on April 30, 2015. We expressed appreciation for the Planning Department staff's incorporation of community suggestions in the Concept Plan but also wanted to highlight remaining concerns.

Our primary issues are the increased density in the proposal coupled with the excessively tall buildings that allow this density. The plan proposes nearly tripling the existing number of residential units from 1,104 to 3,200. A substantial increase in residential units can lead to school overcrowding. Further, while the proposed residential units are currently in the Whitman cluster, one option mentioned in the plan is to change the cluster boundary to include the new units in the B-CC cluster. We also expressed concern about traffic, especially on Dorset Avenue, and our very strong desire to discourage cut-through traffic. Finally, we mentioned safety on River Road and avoiding a "canyon" effect by having too many tall buildings close to the road.

We expressed appreciation for the Planning Staff's recommendations for townhouses near residential communities, maintenance of a significant amount of light industrial service businesses, daylighting of the Willett Branch, and a vision of River Road with wider, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, bike lanes, and trees.

A full text of the letter can be found on the Town's website under "Our Community", Nearby Development.

Since our letter was written, we have been disappointed to learn that the commitment that we thought the staff had made to include Little Falls Parkway and Dorset Avenue in its traffic analysis was not fulfilled. The staff does not recall making that commitment and now says that it does not have the time or resources to include that intersection. The Council will be discussing options for study of this intersection with its traffic consultant, Sabra Wang.

Town Council Liaison Assignments and Other Town Representation – May 2015 to Spring 2016

By Council Vice President Marnie Shaul, Uppingham Street



Each year the Council agrees on Council Member liaison assignments to the Town's committees. It also agrees on other assignments such as

Town ad hoc committees, other Town activities, and representation with external organizations. If you have questions about various Town and external organizations, you can contact the Council Members listed below.

Assignments for Town Committees:

Audit Committee: Marnie Shaul, Cathy Pickar, Alternate

Batting Cage Committee: Franny Peale

Environmental Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser, Alternate

Parks and Natural Resources Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Marnie Shaul, Alternate

Pool Committee: Barbara Condos, Franny Peale, Alternate

Swim Team Committee: Franny Peale, Barbara Condos, Alternate

Tennis Committee: Cathy Pickar, Barbara Condos, Alternate

Other Liaison Assignments and Council Responsibilities

Ad Hoc Communications Committee: Cathy Pickar, Franny Peale

Ad Hoc Personnel Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser

Ad Hoc Town Hall Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale

Ad Hoc Traffic Committee: Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul

Bank Statement Reviewer: Barbara Zeughauser

Bethesda Fire Board: Barbara Condos

Bus Rapid Transit, County Committee: Barbara Condos

Check signing: Cathy Pickar, Marnie Shaul

Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Barbara Zeughauser, Marnie Shaul, Alternate

Coalition of Bethesda Communities (Downtown Bethesda Sector Plan): Marnie Shaul

Code Review: Barbara Condos, Franny Peale

Page Park (Friendship Heights): Franny Peale, Marnie Shaul

Transportation Management District (TMD Advisory Committee): Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)

Website: Cathy Pickar

Westbard Sector Plan Development: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser



Tennis Courts To Be Resurfaced

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place

The Council has authorized funding to resurface the Somerset tennis courts.

Resurfacing is to take place in late summer. The work is expected to take a month, ending around Labor Day. During this period, Town residents may use the courts at the Somerset House condominiums, under a reciprocal agreement. (We had allowed them to use our courts during their resurfacing last year.) Details on using the Somerset House courts will be announced as the date draws near.

The Somerset courts have not been resurfaced in more than 15 years. During that time, water has degraded the subsurface, leading to blisters, dead spots . . . and unhappy tennis players. Following resurfacing, tennis players are invited to a celebration of the new courts. Date and time to be announced.

And mark your calendar for **"Breakfast at Wimbledon"** on **Sunday morning, July 12**. Tennis players will gather at the Town Hall to watch the men's singles finals, nibble on strawberries and cream and maybe even play some Wimbledon-inspired tennis. Details to be announced.

Tennis lessons, both individual and group, are coming to Somerset too. The free kids' clinics on May 9 were a runaway success, with nearly 50 kids and their families participating. Details were being worked out at press time. For updated information contact **Frank Joseph** (Warwick), Chair, Tennis Committee, at **301-656-8753** or at keycom@verizon.net.

Haven't gotten your tennis card yet? You must have a card to use the courts. They're still only \$20 for the entire family. Contact the Town Hall at clerk@townofsomerset.com. Do it now!



Pool Opening Event on Saturday, June 13

Please note that June 13, 2015 is the Town sponsored Summer Kick Off Party from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Town Pool! Come and join your fellow Somerset neighbors to enjoy light refreshments and a picnic style lunch.

Volunteers Needed for Annual July 4 Celebration

Town Hall is hoping to find some volunteers to help with the planning and set up for the annual July 4 celebration that is held at the Town Hall. Students could gain community service hours for volunteering at the event. It is a very fun day in the Town! Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.



Composting

Composting is a new program that will be offered as part of our new recycling and refuse contract with Unity Disposal. The Compost Crew will be the company

providing the service. Please refer to the article in this month's Journal on this topic for further information.

Paving Work on Dorset Avenue

Starting in early June, MT Laney will be performing paving work and deep patching work in Somerset. The paving work will take place on Dorset Avenue from Warwick Place toward Surrey Street, up to 4817 Dorset Avenue.

Maintenance of Shrubbery Over Sidewalks and Common Areas

With summer upon us, I want to remind residents to properly maintain any shrubbery/vegetation on your property that may be hanging over sidewalk areas. It is much safer for walkers, bikers, etc. if the sidewalk areas are kept clear.

Section 4-101 of the Code addresses this topic. Please contact the Town Hall if you would like a copy of this section. Alternatively, the Town Code in its entirety can be located at www.townofsomerset.com.

Annual Tennis Passes and Batting Cage Fee

Tennis Pass: \$20.00 per household for 2015

Batting Cage: \$5.00 for 2015 (\$25.00 key deposit)

Please contact the Town Hall to obtain your 2015 passes.

E-Journal Sign-Up

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.



General Permits



Tree Removal Permits

- 4719 Cumberland Avenue, 1 White Oak. The tree was hazardous.
- 4807 Dorset Avenue, 2 Silver Maples. Both trees were hazardous.
- 4910 Cumberland Avenue, 1 Pin Oak. The tree was hazardous.
- 5505 Greystone Street, 1 Dogwood. The tree was dead.

Driveway Apron Permits

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| 5507 Trent Street | 4902 Falstone Avenue |
| 4702 Dorset Avenue | 5800 Deal Place |
| 5509 Trent Street | 4705 Dorset Avenue |
| 4906 Falstone Avenue | 4721 Dorset Avenue |
| 4811 Falstone Avenue | |

Municipal Composting To Begin in Somerset

By Robin Barr, Chair, Environment Committee, Essex Avenue



Somerset is introducing municipal composting with the service scheduled to begin on June 1. An anonymous donor will cover the cost of the first 50 composting bins ordered by Town residents. The following is an interview between Robin Barr, Somerset's Environment Committee Chair, and Ryan Walter of the Compost Crew.

Robin: Who are the Compost Crew?

Ryan: Founded in 2011, we are a company with one full-time employee and four part-time employees in addition to Brian Flores and myself, the two partners. Somerset residents were among our earliest customers. After our approach to the Town in 2012, our customer numbers doubled instantly and that set us on our way. We now have over 1500 customers across the metro area.

Robin: Municipal composting is catching on in the U.S. and internationally. Why?

Ryan: Landfills do not belong in our society. With composting of waste, food goes right back to the farm. Sometimes the leftovers become animal feed directly. Mostly the food is composted and becomes a soil conditioner that helps plants grow. With composting we recycle food back to nature.

Robin: But not all food waste goes to landfills anyway. Aren't there other good disposal methods?

Ryan: Montgomery County uses incineration. What a waste! That ash cannot help farms. Most incinerators are so inefficient that they barely power themselves. The energy produced from incineration is oversold. As more food goes down garbage disposals, we clog sewage pipes and put more stress on filtration systems. Restaurant redistribution of leftovers to feed the homeless and hungry is wonderful. But it is a tiny fraction of the food consumed in homes. Backyard composting has value if you have time to invest. It supplements municipal composting.

Robin: "I have no time to compost! I don't even have time to breathe!" Sound familiar?

Ryan: Oh yes! This is the fundamental problem that Compost Crew aims to solve. We make composting easy and convenient. All you do is put food waste in a kitchen

caddy rather than the trash can or garbage disposal (no extra time there!). Every day or two you empty the kitchen caddy into the sealed bin we provide (a tiny chore!). Then every week you take the bin to the curb just like other bins. That's it!

Robin: How do I compost?

Ryan: First, register through the Town website or by calling the Town Hall. There's one \$16 registration fee that covers the cost of our odor-sealed compostable bin and liner. You pick up the bin from the Town Hall. Once you have signed up, we send you an instructional e-mail that explains what you can compost (a lot!). The bin must be curbside by 6:00 a.m. on Tuesdays to be picked up.

Robin: You say a lot can be composted. How about wine corks? Pizza boxes? Come on – Twinkies?

Ryan: Yes, wine corks. Yes, pizza boxes, and, yes, to Twinkies (though they might take a very long time to break down!) When foods have lots of toxic chemical additives then that creates a problem. But are you really sure you want to eat that stuff? If it grows, it goes.



Easy Composting

By Safia Khanna, Uppingham Street (5th grader at Somerset Elementary)

You might have seen that some of your neighbors have three bins outside their house: recycle, trash and compost! Now the Town of Somerset is going to provide a compost pickup as well as trash and recycling pickups. I know some of you are thinking, "That would be too much work." But it's not. I would know. My family has been composting for a while, and it is just like throwing away trash or recycling.

We keep a compost bin in our kitchen and every time we have to take out the trash we take the compost too. You can compost so many things such as peels, rinds, eggshells and leftover food, including meat and cheese. The Compost Crew is the company that picks up the compost and they make it easy. They give you the bags for your bin and the mulch made from your compost. Living with compost is easy and good for the environment.

I also want to tell you that someone from the Town is going to pay for the first fifty people to get the compost bins that you put your compost in. The person or people who are doing it are anonymous but it is very generous of them and I want to thank them. Please give it a try. You might really like it! Thank you!

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on May 4, 2015. The Town Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the March 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Council Liaison assignments for 2015-2016.
3. Adoption of the FY16 Budget and setting the real and personal property taxes. No change in the tax rates for FY16. Real Property .08/\$100 assessed value. Personal Property \$1.00/\$100 assessed value.
4. Approval of an HVAC Replacement Unit permit installation at 5509 Trent Street.
5. Approval of an HVAC Replacement Unit permit installation at 5507 Uppingham Street.
6. Approval of an HVAC Replacement Unit permit installation at 5816 Surrey Street.
7. Approval of a building permit for 5803 Warwick Place to install steps from the rear door to the level of the backyard.
8. Approval of a recommendation of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application submitted by Nick and Debbie Fox, 4712 Cumberland Avenue, to clad the existing concrete stoop with flagstone pavers and treads and to paint the existing block foundation.
9. Approval of a recommendation of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historical Preservation Commission on an application submitted by Keith White and Maura Mahoney, 4705 Dorset Avenue, to install a new fence along the right side property line.
10. Approval of the removal of the following two trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
5812 Warwick Place, 1 Willow
5802 Deal Place, 1 Red Maple
11. Approval to plant a Dogwood tree at 4515 Cumberland Avenue as recommended by the Town Arborist.
12. Approval of an engagement letter with Sabra Wang and Associates to review and provide a report on the traffic studies for River Road-Westbard including the Montgomery County Planning Department Study.
13. Approval to authorize Mayor Slavin to send a letter in relation to the River Road-Westbard Development Plan. (A copy of the letter will be posted on the Town website.)
14. Approval of a contract with NB Health and Fitness, LLC DBA Wet Yet? Water Fitness for water aerobics classes at the Pool for 2015.
15. Approval of a contract with Aqua Free Facilities Services, Inc. for the 2015 season for regular cleaning of the Town Pool.
16. Approval of a contract with Vigilant Security for security monitoring at the Town Pool for the 2015 season.
17. Approval of 2 invoices from Community Pools totaling \$6,626.61 for transition line repairs and for routine maintenance and supplies for the Town Pool.
18. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report to the Council. Nicole Ventura was at the meeting substituting for Rich Charnovich and presented the April Financial Report. Council Members Peale and Condos provided an update on the Town Code and Charter project with General Code. We are still waiting for General Code to provide us with the information for the second phase of the project. Representatives from the State Highway Administration attended the meeting to discuss the traffic safety measures being proposed at the intersection of Greystone Street and River Road.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Earlier this month, Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), Council Member **Barbara Zeughouser** (Trent) and I visited with the 4th graders at Somerset Elementary School to announce the winner of the Maryland Municipal League's annual "If I Were Mayor, I Would . . ." annual essay contest for our jurisdiction: Town resident **Sam Meddin** (Warwick).

Congratulations to Sam for his outstanding effort and the wonderful ideas he came up with. He will attend an upcoming Town meeting or the 4th of July celebration to read his essay in public. Additionally, Sam was one of the runners-up in the statewide contest and we also congratulate him for that. Sam has received a gift certificate



Left to right: Joy Abel, Jeffrey Slavin, Marnie Shaul, essay winner Sam Meddin, Barbara Zeughouser, Erika Meddin (Sam's mother), and Amanda Demarco (Sam's teacher)

from the Town and will be provided a police ride-along in the near future, along with a classmate of his choosing. I want to once again thank Essay Contest Chairwoman **Barbara Zeughouser** and her co-judges **Joy Abel** (Grantham) and Journal Editor **Barbara Marenus** (Surrey) for their hard work in making the decision and for attending the announcement. Sam's mother **Erika Meddin** was there, too.

I want to say once again that I consider the Mayor's job to be a round the clock, 24/7 position and no one should hesitate to call me late at night or in the wee hours of the morning, seven days a week with an issue, however "minor" the circumstances. While gratefully there are not a lot of emergencies in Somerset, from time to time there are weather related problems, trees down, trash issues and the like and nothing is too inconsequential to call to my

attention. It is best to try my cell first **202-549-2299** (call/text) but you can also telephone my house at **301-654-6767** or email me at **jzslavin@aol.com**. (I check my iPhone often).

Graduation season is here and I know that many households have school graduates at all levels, from elementary school to professional school. Because there is so much interest, I want to encourage students and their parents to let us know so that we can make mention of these accomplishments in the Town Journal and also at the Town's July 4th celebration. Please provide this information to **Alan Dock** (Falstone) who writes the popular "All About People" column by sending him an email at **alandock26@gmail.com**. In addition, we like to hear about the accomplishments of your grandchildren and great-great children from near and far.

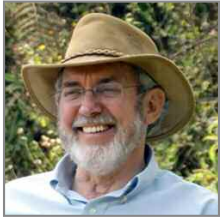
Many residents have complained to me about the unsightly homemade signs, often for yard sales, that appear from time to time on Somerset's streets. Please know that while we discourage this activity because it mars our streetscape, it is actually not legal to put such notices on telephone polls, and attaching them to trees is considered a "no-no" in a green-oriented municipality. If you feel that your sign is of utmost importance and absolutely necessary, at the very least please try to make it as attractive as possible and take it down as soon as your event is over.

Dedication of New Crosswalk



Dedication of new crosswalk at Wisconsin Avenue and Chevy Chase Boulevard

I continue to admire the work done by the Somerset Elementary School's Educational Foundation and the numerous ways this organization enhances the lives of the students. The level of participation by parents is remarkable, including outgoing President **Liz Smith** (Trent) and our Council Member **Franny Peale** (Uppingham) who holds a leadership position. I recently attended the annual fundraiser at the home of incoming President **Anne Hawkins** (Falstone) and was impressed with the enthusiasm of all involved. Of course, the Council and I view the school as a major asset for the Town that provides enormous benefits for all of us, whether we have children in the system or not. Very soon this group will hopefully embark on a capital campaign and I will be closely involved with the fundraising and, especially, the cheerleading. Stay tuned for more details.



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Let me begin this month's column with a welcome to our newest resident family! **Robin** and **Gary Orseck** and their two children, **Robert** (nearly nine years) and **Abigail** (nearly five years) have moved into a house on Dorset Avenue. The **Orsecks** have chosen a great time to join our community now that the Pool is open and the Town's Summer Kickoff Party is coming up on June 13. We hope you and your children soon find friends in Somerset.

“ We Salute Our 2015 Graduates! ”

To reiterate . . . the main event of the month is the Town's sponsored Summer Kickoff Party, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Town Pool! Come and join your fellow Somerset neighbors to enjoy light refreshments and a picnic style lunch.

Turning now to milestones being set by our next generation . . . **Vanessa Piala** and **Jim Belikove** (Cumberland) emailed me that their daughter, **Natasha**, received a BFA in Art Photography from Syracuse University last month. She was the team photographer for the Syracuse Chiefs (the Nationals' AAA minor league team), and is heading to LA this month to intern at the Special Olympics World Games.

Proud Grandparents, **Len** and **Roz Harris** (Trent) attended the graduations of their grandchildren, **Michael** and **Nate**. Michael graduated from Walter Johnson High School, and Nate, a Phi Beta Kappa, from Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Michael will be heading come fall to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

David Stern and **Tracey Hughes** (Warwick) are also celebrating graduations at two levels: their daughter, **Emma** has graduated from Georgetown Day School, and is heading south this fall to study dramatic arts at the University of South Carolina. Their son, **Daniel**, has just graduated from Occidental College in California and will be working this summer at Calleva summer camp.

Injecting a personal note here, **Mary** and **I** are very proud of our daughter, **Katie**, who graduated from Sidwell Friends School this month, and heads off to the University of California at Berkeley this fall.

Barry and **Ilene Heller** (Uppingham) are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Samuel Harrison Heller** to son **Carey**, who grew up in Somerset, and his wife Hope. The **Hellers** are also delighted that their daughter, **Aliya**, now a proud aunt, is moving back to this area for the next school year to complete her internship in forensic psychology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Finally, a note from **Birdie Pieczenik** (Essex) announcing she too is a delighted first-time grandmother. **Alexander** came into this world at 6 lbs.15 oz. and 20 inches long on April 21st to parents **Stephanie Pieczenik** and **Jotin Marango**. Birdie tells me she launched into her role as grandma by walking the 20 blocks in NYC between the baby's 'residence' and her daughter's apartment to do the shopping, cooking, cleaning, and rocking/holding the baby so two very tired parents could get some rest!

Congratulations and bon chance to all of you!



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 or **301-652-1207**.

PARIS, FRANCE: Paris is affordable again. Enjoy our furnished, one-bedroom, well-located apartment in the heart of historic Paris. Walk to the Louvre, the Pompidou Center, the Seine and two Metro stops. Available to rent on a weekly or monthly basis. For additional information, contact **Birdie Pieczenik** at srpvacationhomes@gmail.com or **301-652-1207**.

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**.

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.

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, June 1, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2015 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.

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

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the April 6, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the May 4, 2015 Closed Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider approval of an HVAC replacement application submitted by Georgette Dorn, 4702 Essex Avenue, contingent upon it passing the required noise level requirements.

NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's May Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
2. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit application submitted by Mahmood Pradhan and Debra Lynn Perry, 4919 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting building and dumpster permits to construct an addition at the rear of the house – 7:45 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel on an application submitted by Nick and Debbie Fox, 4712 Cumberland Avenue. The applicant is requesting to install a fence along the left property line and a small portion along the front property line – 7:55 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel on an application submitted by Mark and Kelly Klapow, 4707 Cumberland Avenue – 8:00 p.m.
The applicants are requesting the following:
 - One story addition at the rear of the house
 - A covered porch at the rear of the house
 - A deck in the rear of the house
 - A second story roof deck
 - A patio in the rear of the house
 - A screened porch in the rear of the house
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel on an application submitted by Rodd and Jodi Macklin, 4817 Dorset Avenue. The applicant is requesting to install a one story addition to existing detached garage – 8:10 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel on an application submitted by Keith White and Maura Mahoney, 4705 Dorset Avenue. The applicant is requesting to install a fence along the right front of the house and a parking pad at the right front of the yard – 8:15 p.m.



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7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to remove the following 3 Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist – 8:20 p.m.
5609 Warwick Place Pin Oak Tree #763 (24” dbh)
5807 Surrey Street Zelkova Tree #591 (5” dbh)
5517 Uppingham Street Tree #709 (27” dbh)
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of revised Tennis Court Rules – 8:25 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a contract with Bishop’s Tennis, Inc. for the installation of a NovaProBounce on the Town tennis courts which was approved in the FY16 budget – 8:30 p.m.
10. **Public Hearing/Motion:** Naming the private drive adjacent to the Town Hall in memory of former Mayor Walter Behr – 8:45 p.m.
11. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Mayor’s nomination of Richard Charnovich as Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager for FY16 as per the Town Charter – 8:50 p.m.
12. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider Mayor Slavin’s nomination of Council Member Barbara Condos (Falstone) to be the Town’s representative on the Bethesda Fire Board – 8:55 p.m.
13. **Discussion:** General Code Project Update – 9:00 p.m.
14. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 9:10 p.m.
15. **Adjourn:** – 9:15 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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