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Save the Date

Pre-Halloween Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, October 21



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Let's all get revved up for Halloween 2016 at the third quarterly brown bag lunch of the year on **Wednesday, October 21**, from **noon to 1:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall. 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.

Remember to bring a sandwich or dish to share – and a friend. Beverages, plates and utensils are provided. Email me at mayor@townofsomerset.com if you have any questions.

Annual Somerset Flu Clinic: Sign up Now for Your Appointment!



**Friday, October 2, 2015, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(by appointment) at Town Hall**

MedStar Visiting Nurse Association nurses will be at the Town Hall to provide the seasonal flu vaccine to residents ages 4 and over. Pneumococcal vaccines will also be available; it is recommended that everyone over the age of 65 receive one of each of the pneumococcal vaccines (Pneumovax and Prevnar), spaced one year apart. Please call **Nicole Ventura** at the Town Hall at **301-657-3211** to reserve a specific quarter-hour time slot. You may want to check your records or contact your doctor to determine your pneumococcal vaccine history.

Costs are: Standard flu vaccine - \$25.00; Flu mist/nasal spray (ages 4-49) - \$30.00; High dose flu vaccine (ages 65 and over) - \$55.00; Pneumovax 23 - \$100.00; and Prevnar 13 - \$190.00.

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Calendar

Friday, October 2
Somerset Flu Clinic

Monday, October 19
MVA Mobile Office

Wednesday, October 21
Brown Bag Lunch

Sunday, October 25
Back to School Classic Race

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**.

Journal Readership Survey | By Barbara Marenus, Journal Editor, Surrey Street

The Town is conducting a survey to assess the preferences of Journal readers. Residents who receive the Journal online will have access to the survey on the Town's website and via the Town's weekly E-Blasts. Responses can be emailed to **Rich Charnovich**, Town Manager at manager@townofsomerset.com. Your participation is important. **Thank you!**

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, Warwick Place

Appreciating Our Elders

Once again this year, our Town leadership has taken the opportunity to suitably honor our oldest, nonagenarian, citizens with a lovely ice cream social. This was held one recent afternoon at our Pool house. As I have written before, the values of a community can be seen most clearly in the

ways it treats and cares for its seniors. Our Town is exceptional in that way!

While their numbers may be dwindling, each of these individuals is a valued member of the community. We are blessed that the Town's residents have recognized and embraced them. And it was incredibly touching to see them gathered together and telling stories of their lives.

I want to thank **Dolores Bartning** (Surrey) and **Barbara Marblestone** (Trent) for raising awareness of these folks both in the Journal articles they authored last year on the Town's nonagenarians, and for once again organizing a lovely party in their honor. Many thanks also to **Zola Schneider** (Warwick) who founded Helping Hand which assists our senior residents with many different tasks.

While we have active Somerset "alumni" groups all over the region and indeed across the country, I am most happy knowing that our municipality is doing everything possible to keep everyone here as long as possible. I hope that each one of you will continue to devote extra time each week to do something nice for our older population. We truly do stand on their shoulders and have much to learn from them.



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All are covered by traditional Medicare Part B for participating individuals if they show their Medicare card at the time of service.

Individuals who participate in a Medicare PPO, HMO, or another type of Medicare replacement plan (e.g. Kaiser, Medicare Advantage, Cigna) must pay via check at the time of service. Checks are payable to MedStar VNA. MedStar cannot accept Medicaid or any other type of insurance; individuals in those plans may submit a copy of their vaccination record to their insurer.

- Bring Your Medicare B Card to Your Appointment.
- Wear a short sleeved top the day of the clinic to simplify the nurses' work.

If you would like to volunteer for a two-hour shift at the clinic, please contact **Barbara Marblestone** (Uppingham) by September 29 at dbmarblestone@verizon.net or 301-652-2485.

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TTY users call Maryland Relay

Time to Register for the 28th Annual Somerset Elementary School's Back-to-School Classic on October 25th

By Diane McCabe Smith, Dorset Avenue

A dark blue poster for the 28th Annual Back-to-School Classic. At the top left is a white squirrel logo. To its right, the text reads "BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLASSIC", "SOMERSET ELEMENTARY", and "8K | 2K | 10.25.2015". Below this is "JOIN US!" in large white letters, followed by "OCTOBER 25TH | 9:00 A.M." in a white box. A paragraph of text follows: "Join us for the 28th Annual Back-to-School Classic to support teachers and students at Somerset Elementary. The entire family can participate in either the 8k race or the laid-back 2k walk or run. The race and fun run are followed by a wonderful brunch at the school." Below this are two buttons: "REGISTER AT SOMERSETTRACE.COM/REGISTER" and "VOLUNTEER AT SOMERSETTRACE.COM/VOLUNTEER". At the bottom is a map of the race route, a winding path through various neighborhoods including Cherry Chase, Alnwood, Bradley Heights, West Cherry Chase, Town of Somerset, Friendship Heights, Kenwood Forest, and Somerset Elementary. The route ends at the school building.

2015 Somerset Elementary School's Back-to-School Classic poster

For the 28th consecutive year, the Back to School Classic races and post-race events will take place on our beautiful, tree-lined streets, starting and ending at the Somerset Elementary School. The School and Town are extremely proud of this long-standing event, and its continuing success is certainly related to the support and participation of the Town's residents. It is with thanks to the Somerset Elementary School's PTA, in cooperation with the Town of Somerset and the many local sponsors year-in, year-out, that this tradition has been kept "running" for nearly three decades. The events are runner-friendly and family-friendly. If you want to feel like a rock star running through our Town's streets and finish line, then this is the race for you.

To **register** for the race, please go to somersettrace.com/register.

Online registration for **early bird rates for the 8k/2k / Fun Runs and Brunch-only events continues through September 20, 2015**. The costs are \$30 (Adults), \$15 (Under age 18) and \$15 (Brunch + T-shirt). A family of 4 can save \$20!

But to keep it "running" we also need many volunteers! If you're not running and can find time to volunteer and help at the event— either before, during, and/or after the races— then please sign up at Somersettrace.com/volunteer. If you have any questions about volunteering, please go to somersettracechair@gmail.com.

Tennis Court Renovation Delayed Until Spring

By Cathy Pickar, Council Member, Dorset Avenue

On July 28, the Council received Triad Engineering's geotechnical report analyzing the subsurface and ground water conditions under the current tennis courts. As a result of the report, members of the Council felt it wise to consult with a storm water engineer about possible drainage designs that would better protect the upcoming investment in the courts. The onsite meeting with Charles Grimsley, the storm water engineer, Mark Jones, our project manager for the court renovation, **Rich Charnovich**, our town manager, and **Frank Joseph** (Warwick), chair of the tennis committee, took place in August. The project manager's final report for the proposed storm water drains surrounding the courts was submitted to the Council on September 8.

At this point, the earliest the renovation could begin would be October. Since the court renovation must be done in warm weather due to the material being applied, Bishop Tennis, the company contracted to renovate the courts, feels it is best to wait until May of 2016 when we can better predict good weather for the renovation. The courts will still be renovated during this fiscal year, but unfortunately not this past August as originally planned.





Somerset's Ice Cream Social to Honor Nonagenarians a Big Success!

By Dolores Bartning, Surrey Street

Despite dire predictions for severe thunderstorms and heavy rainfall, many of Somerset's ninety year olds and numerous neighbors showed up for the (now annual) Somerset nonagenarian ice cream party held at the Town pool on September 10. While weather predictions did not materialize, a wonderful gathering did! There was lots of reminiscing about Somerset and joking and competition about who had lived in Somerset the longest. Neighbors expressed their appreciation to this segment of our community which has made Somerset such a unique place to live.

Seven of Somerset's nonagenarians were present: **Florence**

Gang (Falstone), **Alice Grochal** (Falstone), **George Harman** (Dorset), "almost 90" **Roz Harris** (Trent), **Ruth Koffsky** (Greystone), **Dorothy Rose** (Surrey), and **Marian Scheiner** (Falstone).

Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) and Council Members **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) and **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) also attended. **Dave Marblestone** (Trent) and **Alex Bartning** (Surrey) provided parking guidance. Pool Committee Chair **Alexis Carmer** (Essex), Town Council Member **Barbara Condos** (Falstone), Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** and **Dolores Bartning** (Surrey) organized the party and provided delicious cookies, ice cream and beverages to celebrate the guests of honor.



Somerset nonagenarians and neighbors

Tennis Clinics Now Forming

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place



Please note that fall tennis clinics are now forming in Somerset:

Kids: Beginner and intermediate clinics. Kids' clinics will run on

weekday afternoons to be determined, with advanced clinics and/or weekend clinics added depending on demand.

Adults: Beginner and intermediate clinics. More skill levels will be added depending on demand. Interest also has been

expressed in drop-in mixed doubles and/or coach-and-play doubles clinics. Adult clinics will run on weekday and/or weekend afternoons depending on participant schedules.

The tennis pro, Dara Mirala, is well known to many Somerset families. Dara gets high marks for his work with Somerset players of all skills and ages. And because he lives just minutes from Somerset, he may be available on short notice for individual and small-group lessons.

It's time to brush up your tennis skills! Get in on this new tennis program now. Contact **Carrie Wofford** (Essex) at carrie.wofford@gmail.com or 301-654-4466 for details.



Bulk Refuse Collection and A Wider Circle Pick-Up

The Town will hold its fall bulk trash pickup on **Monday, October 5, 2015**. Please place your trash at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** No liquid latex paint. All appliances must have freon removed. No hazardous waste, construction

debris, or yard waste. If you have any questions, please contact **Unity Disposal** directly at **301-490-8604** (ask for Darlene). We are also partnering with **A Wider Circle** on **Saturday, October 3**, the weekend before the bulk pickup. A Wider Circle is a non-profit organization that provides



holistic support to families in poverty. You will need to schedule a pickup with A Wider Circle in advance by Monday, September 28th. You can contact A Wider Circle either via phone

at **301-608-3504** or via email at furnish@awidercircle.org. We strongly encourage you to donate your items!



Neighborhood Forum on Town's New Website

Did you know our new website has a forum called Community Voice where ideas and information can be shared on topics currently affecting Somerset? You can

access the forum by logging into your online portal on the new site. Please contact **Nicole Ventura** or me if you need assistance. Forum topics currently include the proposed Westbard Development, Supreme Court Wynne Case decision, and Somerset health and wellness. We hope you will all try out this information-sharing tool!

Automobile Tips: If They Can SEE It . . . They Can STEAL It

The best ways to prevent auto theft and theft from autos are to: (1) lock your car doors; (2) never leave a key in/on your vehicle; and (3) use an anti-theft prevention device.

Here are more specific ways to prevent auto theft:

- Lock all your doors and close windows.
- Remove all valuables from inside the vehicle, including GPS systems or lock them in your trunk.
- Do not leave electronic devices or accessories visible.
- Keep the car registration in your wallet or purse rather than in the vehicle.
- Park in a well lighted and populated area.
- Use a visible anti-theft device that has a visible indicator (about \$20-\$50). It will lock the steering wheel in a fixed position so the vehicle cannot be driven.
- Use an alarm system.
- Do not leave money in your vehicle.
- Do not hide a key on your vehicle.
- Report suspicious activity to the police. Emergency: **911**, Non-Emergency: **301-279-8000**.

Fall Town Tree Plantings

Town tree plantings will take place in October. Please refer to the Town Council Agenda for the October 5, 2015 meeting in this Journal to see the list of proposed plantings.



Fall Leaf Collection

The Town will begin vacuuming leaves at the end of October and will continue until mid-December. As we did last year, we have developed a schedule for collection that

divides the Town into quadrants. This system helps our staff schedule collections and at the same time provides residents with accurate leaf removal information.

In next month's Town Journal, there will be an insert with a map of the collection quadrants. All leaves should be raked to the curb. Do not rake your leaves into the street. Please make sure that there are no cans, sticks, bottles or rocks in your leaf pile. It is also important that you do not block leaf piles with your car during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday because our crew cannot complete its work if there is a car blocking a leaf pile.

Somerset's Nonagenarians

By Barbara Marblestone, Trent Street

Jean Battey Lewis



In 2014, we featured a series of articles in this Journal on the Town's nonagenarians, residents ages 90 to 99. We had not been able to interview **Jean Battey Lewis** (Surrey) who qualified for that original group. We are happy to include Jean's biography now, the tenth in the series, for she is one of those individuals who helped make Somerset what it

is today. Our "local treasures," as we designated them, had the foresight and fortitude to nurture and build our Town.

Jean Battey Lewis was born in 1924, in Larchmont, NY. She moved to Washington, DC, the summer before her senior year of high school. She quickly won the heart of the president of her senior class, Bryan Battey. When Bryan went off to Dartmouth the next year, Jean enrolled at nearby Middlebury College. After two years of college, Bryan enlisted in the Navy to serve in WWII and became an expert in languages. The young couple married and, while Bryan was stationed in the Japanese Language College in Colorado, Jean finished her education at the University of Colorado. After the war, the couple returned to DC, where Jean worked as a secretary for the Woodward & Lothrop department store.

In the late 1940s, Bryan joined the U.S. Foreign Service where he worked to help rebuild relations with Japan, and the family moved to Tokyo. David, their first child, was born in the U.S.; his siblings, Laura, Robert, and Megan were born in Japan. In 1960, the family returned to the U.S. and moved to Somerset, living first in the house across the street from Jean's present home. All four children attended Somerset Elementary School. Laura, a modern dancer in her own right by her teenage years, was a soloist with the Washington Dance Repertory Theatre. Jean's first marriage ended in divorce. In the 1970s, she married Paul Lewis who died earlier this year.

Jean has always had a place in her heart for dance, the art form which "is her soul." As a child she was mesmerized by dance. As a teenager she studied modern dance at Jacob's Pillow in the Berkshires with Ruth St. Denis, Charles Weidman, and Ted Shawn. Wherever Jean was, she observed performers and performances, always on the lookout for new works, new choreography, expanding her knowledge of dance.

With her dedication to the field of dance, Jean says that becoming a critic seemed "natural" to her and she added "It was me." Her career provided her opportunities to share her knowledge and love of the art with a broad spectrum of the public. She once said, "Ballet audiences were small; I did not want to drive people away." Jean's daughter, Laura, explained that her mother never wished to be the type of critic who makes oneself look clever with scathing reviews. Jean had no difficulty being a friend to performers and writing an honest critique of their work.

Jean made her start as a professional dance critic for the Tokyo Times where she wrote about Korean river dancing, belly dancing, and dance styles of a variety of other nationalities. On her return to DC, noticing that the Washington Post had no regular dance column, she penned a number of free-lance critiques which the Post ran. Her initiative led to her becoming the newspaper's first dance critic. Her critiques have also appeared in the New York Times and the Washington Times, and have been aired on NPR.

In the 1940s, Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey asked Igor Stravinsky to compose music for a dance for circus elephants. As Jean would tell this story, according to Laura, Stravinsky agreed on the condition that George Balanchine do the choreography. Balanchine, upon receiving this unusual request, asked, "Are they good elephants?" Stravinsky paused and replied "Yeah, they're pretty good." [*Balanchine may have been concerned that elephants could be startled by the music and misstep!*] Thus began the artists' collaboration on the Circus Polka for Young Elephants. Fifty ballerinas joined the elephants in the performance. Whether Jean reviewed this work is uncertain, but the anecdote is delightful.

Reminiscences between Jean and Laura brought up names of choreographers and dancers, many of them prominent, whom Jean has known. A few were Paul Taylor and Balanchine, Mimi Paul, who went from the National Ballet to the NYC Ballet, and Helgi Thomasson, also from the National Ballet, who became Director of the San Francisco Ballet. There were also Pola Nirenska and Erika Thimey, modern dance teachers in DC.

Sitting at her side window overlooking her garden, Jean teared up as Laura recalled names of modern dances they had seen together: Appalachian Spring . . . "[Jean] Oh, that's so wonderful." . . . Diversion of Angels . . . The Shakers . . . "[Jean] So much to talk about."

[My thanks to Laura Battey, who graciously assisted me in interviewing her mother for this article. If you stop by to see Jean, be sure to introduce yourself to her son, David, and his wife, who now reside with Jean in her home.]

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session September 8, 2015. The Town Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the August 4, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of an HVAC replacement unit application at 4809 Grantham Avenue.
3. Approval of an HVAC replacement unit application at 5508 Greystone Street.
4. Adoption of a Resolution confirming the closure of the Wisconsin Avenue and River Road entrances on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the 8 KM race sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA.
5. Approval of a building permit application at 4817 Dorset Avenue to construct an addition to the existing accessory building.
6. Approval of a recommendation of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application at 4715 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are proposing a two-story rear addition, restore and extend the deck in the rear of the house, construct a screened porch under the deck, demolish and construct a new garage and replace the existing driveway flare with a parking pad.
7. Approval confirming Montgomery County's approval of the movement of the two storm water tanks at the project currently occurring at 4707 Cumberland Avenue: Drywell 1 has been moved 7'-0" east and 3'-6" south, Drywell 2 has been moved 25'-6" east and 16'-0" south.
8. Approval of the removal of a Town pin oak tree located at 5804 Surrey Street.
9. Approval of a payment in the amount of \$2,816.63 to Outdoor Illumination as the Town's share of the pool parkland area energy efficiency lighting project.
10. Approval authorizing the Town Manager to discard or sell 9 pieces of Town equipment (Please contact Town Hall if you would like to view the list).
11. Forty five minutes were allotted for a discussion on the proposed Westbard Sector Plan which included a presentation by Sabra Wang and Associates, a traffic engineering firm Somerset has consulted with to review traffic studies for the plan.
12. Discussion on the replacement of HVAC units in the Town Hall and Town Garage was tabled until the October Council Meeting so further information could be obtained. A representative from State Highway Administration attended the meeting to discuss the future of the traffic safety measures at the intersection of Greystone Street and River Road.
13. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report to the Council. Town Manager Charnovich provided the monthly financial report. Council Member Condos, Council Member Peale and Town Manager Charnovich 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 next phase of the project.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

The Council and I recently hosted our annual welcoming event to meet and greet the newest residents of our wonderful Town at the Pool house. Over the past year, more than a dozen new families have moved into our neighborhoods and many of them were in attendance. Thanks to **Nancy Jardini** and **Morris Panner** (Essex) and the Town's staff for putting this highly anticipated event together. The party also serves as a great opportunity for all of us to reunite with longstanding

Somerset residents and catch up on the summer's news. As always, we had children's entertainment, including Ms. Nisha, who led the youngsters in a crafts project.

I want to remind everyone that our municipal building continues to be the site of public art shows, this time featuring the talented **Lila Snow** (Essex) who is exhibiting her Torah Constructions and Particle paintings until November 20. Please stop by to view and perhaps purchase some of this remarkable work. Tell your friends outside of Town, too. We are particularly grateful to Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) who has spearheaded this and all the other remarkable art displays we have had over the past year.



The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) once again organized a "Car Free Day" on September 22 where citizens of the DC region were encouraged to go car free for 24 hours by using public transportation, bicycling, walking, or at the very least going "car lite" or carpooling. These efforts will help improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and parking demands, and conserve energy. This is part of an international celebration that took place in over 1500 cities in 40 countries. Please help save the planet

and make a pledge next year by visiting www.carfreemetrod.org. It's not really that hard to do!

I am pleased that so many residents have turned to biking to commute, visit friends, or do errands. Hopefully, all these trips will be non-eventful, but I want to call everyone's attention to a roadside assistance service available to AAA members. If your bike breaks down, AAA will pick you up! This no-cost service is accessible by calling **1-800-AAA-HELP** or viewing the website AAA.com/Bicycle. What a great innovation and a good reason to keep your AAA membership current. Safe biking to all.

General Permits

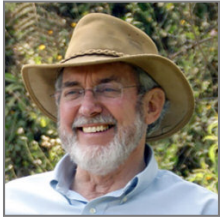


Wall Permit

5412 Uppingham Street, retaining wall
installed in the front right side yard

Fence Permit

4904 Falstone Avenue, installed along
the left side, rear, and right side of the
property



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Now that the Pool has closed, I guess that summer has ended too, and we need to begin giving the warmer clothes and jackets an airing, But before we get ahead of ourselves, we have a glorious fall to enjoy!

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Welcome to Our Autumn Newcomers!

”

September was a busy time at the pool, with the celebration of our resident nonagenarians and, of course, our welcome to newcomers to our community—more of these events momentarily.

Right now, I want to focus on one of our long-standing pool activities: the Somerset water aerobics classes. Started some fifteen seasons back, it is now conducted by the company “Wet and Water” and is organized by **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset). Any Somerset resident can join the group, and this year there were 23 active members, including three men, with weekly sessions varying from 8 to 17 persons. The group operates on a drop-in basis, \$5 being debited from your pool account each time you attend. This summer’s session finished up with a potluck luncheon.

Let me give you just a small insight into activities the young and old attendees attempt under the tutelage of Wet and Water. All activities take place to music in *deep water*, which ensures these are *real* exercises, with all the benefits that come from a regular exercise program. The key to making the program enjoyable is the introduction of various “fun” exercises. Try carrying out bunny hops, or performing the can can to the boisterous sounds of Offenbach’s music, in deep water! I wish I had been there to see that – or better, maybe I’ll participate in 2016!



Somerset welcomes our new neighbors

The annual ice cream party for our community of lively ninety plus year-olds took place at the Pool in early September. It was an enjoyable event with many reminiscences about early Somerset, and some competition as to who had lived in Somerset the longest. **Florence Gang** (Falstone) said she had been here for sixty years – anyone been here longer? Let me know for the November column.

A recurring topic of interest for this column is reporting on new residents in our community. On September 19th, the Town held its annual Pool party for new residents who moved to Somerset over the past year. Here are some additional new additions to the neighborhood who I did not

mention in last month’s Journal column. Newly arrived on Essex are **James Cooper** and **Dina ElBoghady** and their daughters **Sarah** (14 years) and **Claire** (11 years). **Ingrid Slavin** (no relation to our Mayor) with her two children **Sabrina** (16 years) and **Christian** (10 years) have moved onto Uppingham Street. Moving back into the community from Brussels and onto Surrey Street are **Sandeep Kapur** and **Mamta Murthi** with their daughters, **Ananya** (16 years) and **Kaveri** (13 years). In addition, **Tom Terbush** and **Giulia Bisconti** with their four children **Francesca** (12 years), **Emilia** (10 years), **Arabella** (6 years), and little **Lucas**, born this year have moved back into the neighborhood and onto Cumberland. Returning from overseas to settle on Trent Street are **Joe Turi** and **Kemy Monahan** with their teenage sons, **Joey** and **Tommy**. Welcome to you all – especially those returning, there must be something special about Somerset!

Lastly, in writing about people on the move, **Carrie Wofford** and family (Essex) have temporarily moved onto Drummond while their house is getting a makeover!

Moving on . . . I learned that **Scott Puritz** (Essex) recently testified before a Senate Committee looking for ways to make retirement investment safer. Scott is Rebalance IRA’s managing director. Scott’s testimony is available on www.help.senate.gov/hearings.

Here’s some news from another Somerset artist. **Sandra Zacharia** (Warwick) has informed me about an upcoming show from the “Ladysmiths” who design and create jewelry. I’ll let Sandra speak for the group:

We are a group of local (to the DC metro area) female metalsmiths who have been meeting nearly every month for about 9 years. We come from all walks of life - some of us are professional, some hobbyists, many with other careers. We love to hang out and talk shop, do workshops together experimenting with materials and techniques, go on field trips together, as well as attend special events, take classes, go to shows together, and more. When you buy our art, you are not just supporting us, you are supporting our continued future in the arts. And that is very important to us - it’s our life-blood. We have become friends and support each other in many ways.

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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.

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JEWELRY SHOW: The Ladysmiths will be holding a one-day event at the Somerset Town Hall on **Sunday, November 15th** from **10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This event will showcase the work of nine local jewelry artists and all work will be for sale. If you have any questions, please contact **Sandra Zacharia** at 301-657-3697 or artjewelsz@gmail.com.

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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.

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The Ladysmiths are having a one-day show and sale of their work at the Town Hall on Sunday November 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sounds like it might be a good place to pick up a festive season present or two.

Finally, I wonder how many of you got to see the movie documentary *Rosenwald* showing at the Avalon recently. It is a riveting story of Julius Rosenwald, the power behind Sears Roebuck in the thirties. He became a philanthropist building and staffing over 5,000 schools in the south, giving a start to many prominent African Americans. I hope you did manage to take in the movie, but did you know that Mr. Rosenwald was the great grandfather of **David Stern** of Warwick Place?

Enjoy the start of autumn.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, October 5, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, October 5, 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.*



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

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the September 8, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider adoption of a Resolution proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month.
3. **Motion:** To confirm the location of the sign to be placed for Walter Behr Path near the entrance to the private driveway adjacent to the Town Hall.
4. **Motion:** To consider confirmation approval of the Mayor's nomination of Jack Frink, Cumberland, to serve on the Town Audit Committee.
5. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC replacement permit application submitted by Agnes Holland and Matthew Grohowski, 4722 Cumberland Avenue.
6. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC replacement permit application submitted by Gabriel and Ellen Roth, 4815 Falstone Avenue.
7. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC replacement permit application submitted by Bill Hanlon, 4824 Cumberland Avenue.

NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's September Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
2. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a site plan amendment for the project currently occurring at 4814 Falstone Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following – 7:45 p.m.
 - Convert the approved covered porch to an uncovered porch/terrace and reduce the depth of the porch from 19' to 14'. The new porch dimension will be 22' wide by 14' deep.
 - Shifting the driveway approximately 8' closer to the house to minimize the impact to the neighboring pin oak tree
 - Should the driveway shift be approved, the outdoor condenser units will be moved to the rear yard behind the uncovered porch/terrace

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- 3. Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the following fall tree plantings as recommended by the Town Arborist and Parks and Natural Resources Committee – 7:50 p.m.

1 American Beech in Capello Park near Dorset and Wisconsin Avenue
1 Red Maple at 5802 Deal Place
1 Dogwood at 5417 Surrey Street
1 Yellowwood at 5807 Surrey Street
1 Flowering Cherry at 4707 Trent Court
1 Red Maple at 5517 Uppingham Street
1 Blackgum at 5609 Warwick Place
1 Scarlet Oak at 5804 Surrey Street

PEPCO will replace the following trees at these locations:

2 Serviceberry at 4816 Grantham
2 Serviceberry at 4818 Cumberland
2 Serviceberry at 4909 Falstone
2 Serviceberry at 5503 Uppingham

- 4. Introduction:** Ordinance amendment changing the times for hours near the elementary school near Warwick Lane based on the change in school hours – 7:55 p.m.
- 5. Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal submitted by Sabra Wang and Associates to analyze the data from the 4 remaining intersections where traffic counts took place on September 16, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.
- 6. Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a proposal submitted by Outdoor Illumination, Inc. to install lighting in the parking lot near the tennis courts – 8:10 p.m.
- 7. Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider HVAC Unit and furnace bids for Town Hall and garage, with part of the funding being through the Maryland Energy Administration – 8:20 p.m.
- 8. Discussion:** General Code Project Update – 8:25 p.m.
- 9. Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 8:30 p.m.
- 10. Adjourn** – 8:35 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.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two to three 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/email blasts for the most up-to-date Agenda..