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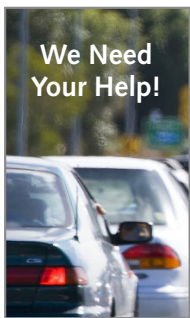


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Traffic Study: A Call for Help | By Cathy Pickar, Council Member, Dorset Avenue



Our traffic count is back on, that is, if we have enough volunteers. We need volunteers to cover six intersections, three at each intersection, for a one-day only traffic count on Wednesday, September 16th. And we need those volunteers to attend one training session to be led by our traffic consultants from Sabra Wang on September 9th. At a minimum, we would need 18 volunteers if each volunteer could cover both the morning and late afternoon times, and a maximum of 36 people if volunteers can only cover one session. We are also asking Kenwood residents to help with the intersections in their area. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Nicole Ventura** at Town Hall at 301-657-3211 or Nicole@townofsomerset.com

To summarize:

Training Session on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

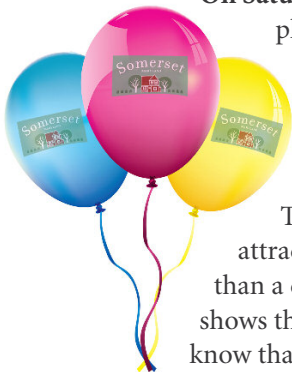
Traffic Count on Wednesday, September 16 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Intersections are Cumberland and Wisconsin, Dorset and Wisconsin, Greystone and River, Brookside and River, Dorset and River, Dorset and Little Falls.

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Annual Party to Welcome New Residents on September 19

By Nancy Jardini and Morris Panner, Essex Avenue



On Saturday, September 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., please come one and all to welcome our new neighbors at our beautiful Town pool. Note that this year, we are holding this gala event on a Saturday, since dog swim is the next day on Sunday, September 20.

There is much to celebrate this year. We continue to attract a vibrant group of new families. We have more than a dozen new families coming to our town, which shows that we are attracting wonderful new people. We also know that once people come to our beautiful town, they like to stay.

This is your chance to come meet your new neighbors and to catch up with old friends. Bring your children and plan to listen to music and relax with a

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Calendar

Wednesday, September 9

Traffic Study Training for Volunteers

Thursday, September 10

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 18

Opening of New Town Hall Art Show

Saturday, September 19

Party for New Residents

Monday, September 28

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

Let's All Get Acquainted With the New Town Website!

The Town now has a great new website that has been developed under the careful direction of Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) and **Rich Charnovich**, our Town Manager. This new website has lots of features for residents to use and enjoy. I strongly encourage all Somerset residents to visit the new site. You can pay for pool guest fees and tennis passes online, apply for permits, access the Town Journal, learn about upcoming events, and now participate in a Town online forum called Community Voice. Some months ago, we distributed a one-page description of the new site with login information as an insert to the Journal, and it can be accessed on the first page of the website. If you need assistance in using the website, please contact the Town Hall.

As I think about the role of the website in the future, I expect that it will assume a more dynamic role in communicating information to Town residents on a regular basis. We can all expect to benefit from the new and exciting technology, and the regular dissemination of timely and useful information. Additionally, the Town's Ad Hoc Communications Committee will be looking at future innovations and directions related to Town communication strategies. One place that we might start with is developing a brief survey on Journal readership. So, stand by and please log in!



Traffic Study: A Call for Help *from page 1*



With the impending development surrounding Somerset and the potential expansion of the Washington Episcopal School, we will see increased traffic. We must have traffic data before we can intelligently address ways to minimize the impact on Somerset.

Please volunteer! Without the volunteers, we cannot proceed with the traffic count.

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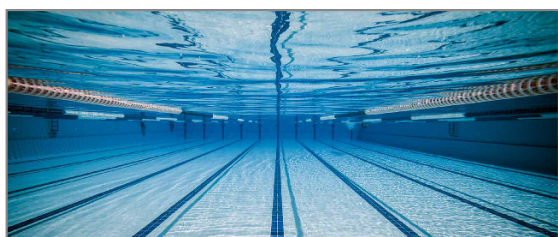
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TTY users call Maryland Relay

A Great Season for the Somerset Dolphins

By Robert Chlopak, Dorset Avenue



The Somerset Dolphins completed an outstanding 2015 season in Montgomery County Swim League competition, winning the Division K championship with a 5-0 dual meet record, breaking 11 individual and 5 relay records, and capping off their success with a county championship win in the 11-12 girls 200 medley relay.

Seven different Dolphin swimmers broke team records over the course of the season including **Ava Haraldsson** (11-12 free),

Samantha Smith (11-12 fly), **Mikey Panner** (13-14 free), **Nicole Vanderzon** (13-14 fly), **Kate Chlopak** (13-14 IM and back), **Joey Turi** (15-18 breast) and **Gavin Springer** (15-18 free, back, IM and fly). In addition to these swimmers, **Abbie Bobeck**, **Jack Chlopak**, **Nata Freeman**, **Ava Pilot**, and **Delia Vanderzon** also put up all-star times in events during the season.

Relying on their speed and depth, the Dolphins put together 5 record-breaking relay squads this season that helped power the team to victory. **Samantha Smith**, **Ava Haraldsson**, **Deila Vanderzon** and **Abbie Bobeck** smashed the team girls 11-12 200 medley relay record while winning the Montgomery County championship. **Mikey Panner**, **Berret Yuffee**, **Nicole Vanderzon** and **Julia Losey** took down the 13-14 girls medley record. **Kate Chlopak**, **Abigail Muro**, **Jessica Khanna**, and **Olivia Muro** broke the girls open 200 medley relay record. The squad of **Carter Davis**, **Samantha Smith**, **Jessica Khanna**, **Mikey Panner** and **Nini Panner** reset the girls 250 free relay record. Finally, on the boys side, **Jack Chlopak**, **Yasha Fotoohi**, **Gavin Springer**, and **Joey Turi** broke the open 200 medley record.

Congratulations to all of the Dolphin swimmers on a terrific season, and a special thanks to Somerset's home grown head coach, **Bess Pickar** (formerly Dorset), and all the parents who volunteered their time and helped to make the season a success.



Annual Party to Welcome New Residents *from page 1*

glass of wine or soda and some other light refreshments provided by the Town. While the adults socialize, we will have an entertainer to amuse the younger set. **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) will introduce the new residents at 5:00 p.m. and the children's entertainment will follow. This year we are featuring Ms. Nisha, who will lead the children in a craft project. Plus, if the weather is good, there will be swimming.

We also need some help with set up and clean up. Please contact our welcome committee members, **Nancy Jardini** (202-251-4997) or **Morris Panner** (617-680-3725) or at mpanner@gmail.com, if you are able to lend a hand.

Here is a list of our new residents:

4712 Cumberland Avenue – Ann and Joshua Bolten
4722 Dorset Avenue – Robin and Gary Orseck
4801 Essex Avenue – Karen Lowy
4716 Falstone Avenue – Suzanne and James Rinehard
4719 Falstone Avenue – June and Frederick Perry
4900 Falstone Avenue – Rachael and Stephen Nimmo

5816 Surrey Street – Darcey and Neal Thomson
5804 Surrey Street – Kathryn and Sebastian Deschler
5523 Uppingham Street – Lisa Williams-Katz and Alan Katz
5528 Warwick Place – Elizabeth and Gardiner Harris
5602 Warwick Place – Gillian and William Edick
5603 Warwick Place – Alisson and Taise Gasparete

Council and Traffic Consultant to Discuss Westbard Sector Plan



By Marnie Shaul,
Council Vice President,
Uppingham Street

At its September meeting the Town Council will discuss the Westbard Sector Plan, and our traffic

consultant will present his findings and recommendations. Residents are encouraged to share their views and concerns about the plan. At the end of the discussion, the Council will identify and possibly vote on major points that could be made at the hearing being held at the Planning Board September 24th. Anyone may testify but each speaker is limited to 3 minutes. It is expected that the Mayor and some Council Members will speak at the hearing, and Somerset residents may also want to provide testimony. More details about the plan and the process are in my Journal article published last month (see <http://www.townofsomerset.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/273>)

Save the Date

Somerset Nonagenarian Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 10

By Dolores Bartning, Surrey Street

Following upon the success of last year's first Somerset Nonagenarian Ice Cream Social, the Town once again will host an ice cream social on **Thursday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Town Pool. All of Somerset's 90+year olds are invited as honored guests, and Town residents who wish to express gratitude to our seniors are also invited to attend. Our nonagenarians have made numerous contributions to our Town's charm and history, including its natural beauty, community-mindedness, and the establishment of our excellent school. These and many other accomplishments have been largely influenced by the efforts of this segment of our Somerset community. Please come to celebrate, and personally thank them on September 10.

Save the Date



New Art Show Opens on Friday, September 18

Lila Snow (Essex) will be showing her Torah Constructions and Tsunami and Particle paintings at the Town Hall from **September 18th to November 20th**, with a **reception on Sunday, September 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The Torah constructions have sculpture tools and computer parts to evoke the condensed information or ideas being honored in the Torah.

The artist's Tsunami paintings were created in response to the March 11, 2011 tsunami that struck Sendai, Japan, where the artist had lived in the 1980s. These scroll-like paintings have circular shapes to represent the Fukushima power plants.

Lila's later paintings were influenced by the work of her husband, George Snow, as a particle physicist at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. George was on the team at CERN that was instrumental in the discovery of the Higgs boson, a 40-year quest; the physicists who postulated the existence of this particle were awarded the Nobel Prize in 2013. George also served on the Somerset Town Council.

In addition to the art, there will also be available the artist's memoir, *With a Name Like Tuchmacher*, and a booklet about VIPs and one with jokes from when Snow performed standup.

Snow has had numerous exhibitions here and abroad and her works are in several permanent collections, including the American University Museum and Palermo University in Buenos Aires.



Website Feature of the Month – Community Voice

Did you know our new Town website has a forum called Community Voice where ideas and information can be shared on topics currently affecting Somerset? It does. 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, the Supreme Court *Wynne* Case decision, and Somerset Health and Wellness. We hope you will all consider utilizing this information-sharing tool!

September Volunteer Traffic Study

Please refer to the article in this month's Journal by Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) concerning our request for volunteers to assist with a traffic study in September. Training will be on September 9 and the actual traffic count will take place on September 16.

Newcomers Party in September

Please mark your calendars for the annual Newcomers Party on **Saturday, September 19, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Town Pool. We hope to see you there!

Pool Closing Date Reminder

Just a friendly reminder the final day for the pool season will be on **September 20, 2015**.



Next Bulk Refuse Pickup and A Wider Circle

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. 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). Please also reference the article in the month's Journal from A Wider Circle concerning their October 3 pickup in Somerset.

Online Pet Licensing in Montgomery County

Pet licensing services are now available to County residents online. The new user-friendly service makes it easier for pet owners to comply with Montgomery County law that requires a pet license for all dogs and cats four months of age or older. All that is needed is a current rabies vaccination certificate and a credit card.

A license is still required even if a pet is always confined on private property, remains indoors exclusively or lives on a farm. The fine for an unregistered/licensed pet is \$100. The fine for not having a dog or cat vaccinated for rabies is \$500.

Here is the website URL: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/asd/licensing.html>



School Is Starting: Be Cautious Driving

With school starting later this month, please remember that many of the children who live in Somerset walk to school. Please be mindful of this when commuting through the Town!

Heart Health in Somerset

By Diane Horn, Surrey Street

This fall the Somerset Wellness Committee will be offering a CPR course for interested residents. We will also include instruction on using an AED or automatic external defibrillator. The Town owns two defibrillators, one is kept at the pool and the other is at Town Hall.

In recent years the Heart Association has made some changes in their recommended protocol. Whether you have never taken CPR or would like a refresher class please consider signing up. Details including date, time and cost will be posted in a Somerset News Blast and on our new Town website.

Please contact me at Diane.b.horn@gmail.com or **301-654-0310** if you are interested in the class.

Tennis Instruction Comes to Somerset



Tennis Pro Bob Finney

By Carrie Wofford, Tennis Committee, Essex Avenue

Cool fall tennis weather is approaching. It's time to brush up your game with clinics and lessons right here in Somerset. Working with noted area pro Bob Finney, we're setting up weekly drop-in clinics and individual lessons for adults and kids alike.

Bob is men's and women's coach at Montgomery College, where his teams have won two national championships, and varsity tennis coach at Stone Ridge School. He has twice been named USPTA coach of the year, and was ranked Maryland No. 1 player in the men's 40s division.

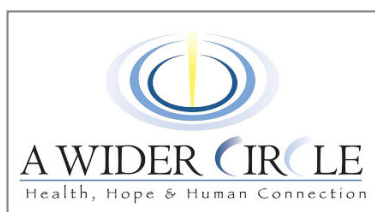
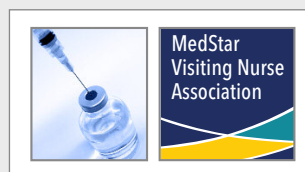
If you are interested, please email me information on the ages and levels of your players. Whether you want regular clinics, drop-ins or individual instruction, and how many times a week. My email is Carrie.Wofford@gmail.com.

You are still free to set up your own instruction, of course. Just make sure to follow Town tennis rules. They're posted at <http://townofsomerset.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/574>.

Save the Date

Somerset's Annual Flu Shot Clinic on Friday, October 2

MedStar Visiting Nurse Association will again provide seasonal flu vaccine inoculations for Somerset residents, age 4 and older, **from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 2, 2015**. Pneumonia vaccine, only for those over 64, will also be available. Appointments are a must. You can contact **Nicole Ventura** at Town Hall for an appointment starting Tuesday, September 8. Nicole can be reached at **301-657-3211**. More details will follow via Town announcements. Please contact your doctor with any technical questions, such as type of flu inoculation you should have, type and date of any prior pneumonia inoculation, etc.



Information from A Wider Circle: Somerset Pickup Scheduled for October 3

A Wider Circle will pick up gently-used home furnishings and household items throughout the Town of Somerset on **Saturday, October 3 between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Items should be outside by 9:00 a.m. and clearly marked "**A Wider Circle**."

If you would like the truck to stop by your home, please contact A Wider Circle at **301-608-3504** or furnish@awidercircle.org by Monday, September 28 to schedule a pick-up. All donations are tax deductible.

The mission of A Wider Circle is to end poverty. A Wider Circle provides basic need items to families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life's necessities. Each year A Wider Circle furnishes the homes of over 4,000 families, all free of charge. Through their Professional Development Center, they provide the job skills courses, mentoring, computer training, and professional attire and accessories that our most vulnerable neighbors need to make the journey back to work – and out of poverty.

Gently-used mattresses that are free of rips and stains are always a much-needed item. Additionally, families are in need of dining tables, living room furniture, dressers, lamps, gently used linens and towels, dish sets, baby items and children's clothing up to size 4T. Healthy non-perishables and unopened personal care items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant and cleaning supplies are always welcome. For more information, visit the website at www.awidercircle.org.

Council Meeting Actions

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

1. Approval of the June 1, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the June 25, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the July 6, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of the bulk refuse pick up date for October 5, 2015.
5. Approval of a HVAC Unit replacement application submitted for 4922 Dorset Avenue.
6. Approval of a HVAC Unit replacement application submitted for 4823 Dorset Avenue.
7. Approval of Paige Whitley to serve on the Town Parks and Recreation Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2016.
8. Approval of the following permits at 4814 Falstone Avenue: Demolition, Building, Driveway Apron, Wall, Tree removal, Reforestation, Parking Plan, and Dumpster.
9. Approval of a building permit at 4707 Cumberland Avenue to complete the following work: One story addition at the rear of the house, covered porch at the rear of the house, deck in the rear of the house, second story roof deck, and a screened porch in the rear of the house.
10. Approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
Capello Park – 4” dbh Flowering Dogwood
4510 Cumberland Avenue – 9” dbh American Holly
4510 Cumberland Avenue – 10” dbh Norway Maple
4707 Trent Court – 14” dbh Flowering Cherry
5524 Trent Street – 40” dbh Flowering Cherry
5417 Surrey Street – 13” dbh Zelkova
11. Approval of amended Pool Party Rules as recommended by the Pool Committee.
12. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report to the Council. Town Manager Charnovich provided the monthly financial report. A survey proposal was tabled to survey Devon Lane property boundaries until further information was obtained. Council Member Condos 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. We are scheduled to receive this information in mid-September.

General Permits



Tree Removal Permits

5410 Surrey, 1 Red Bud
4923 Dorset, 1 River Birch, 3-multi stem
4813 Cumberland, 1 Willow Oak and
1 Leyland Cypress
4813 Falstone, 1 Pin Oak
4819 Dorset, 1 Dogwood

Fence Permits

5513 Trent Street, rear property fence
5504 Uppingham Street, rear property
fence and partly covering the side
of property

Dumpster Permits

5701 Warwick Place
4815 Falstone Avenue



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

While you are at the beach this month with a steamy romance novel or at the pool or in the mountains with the latest bestseller, consider taking a few minutes to read some of the materials we have made available on the Town's website about proposed development projects in the vicinity of our Town, particularly Westbard. Also, last month's Journal contained an important article by Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) about the Supreme Court's

Wynne decision, and the severe impact that this decision will have on us, potentially drastically affecting our local tax rates. You also can access information on this decision on the Town website. With the Council's wise guidance, we will be holding some public information sessions on this topic in the fall. The County Council will then have its own process to make some big decisions.

Welcome to the "dog days" of summer everyone, which is usually a more relaxed time in Somerset for most when many residents are on vacation. However, this is historically the season when we have experienced spikes in minor crime. Please be sure to lock all your house doors, garages and cars and leave an extra light or two on at night if you are away. Make sure someone brings in your newspapers and mail, and by all means do not advertise your absences on the listserv or anywhere else. If we all watch out and help each other, there likely will be fewer incidents of theft or burglary this month and in the future.

As I stroll around Town daily, I continue to see too many beer cans, candy wrappers and even cigarette butts carelessly strewn on our streets and sidewalks. This is particularly the case in the areas surrounding our ongoing construction projects. I hope that the owners of these properties will alert their contractors and sub-contractors that our Town does not tolerate litter. We need to do everything possible to enhance our streetscape. Don't be afraid to bend down and pick up a piece of trash. It's actually healthy!

As many of you know, one of our residents, **Veronique Marier** (Essex), has been serving for over a year now as the executive director of Bethesda Green, a local non-profit which is a public-private partnership working towards making our part of Montgomery County more environmentally sustainable. A number of Somerset residents have become engaged with this effort over the last twelve months, and I would like to encourage even greater participation, especially from our youth. As a start, please check out the website at www.bethesdagreen.org. I hope to see many of you at the 6th Annual Gala on October 8 at Bethesda Blues and Jazz Supper Club where local "green champions" will be recognized with the 2015 Bethesda Magazine Green Awards. Speaking of "green," I am so pleased that over 139 households have signed up for municipal composting. Now we need to get that number to 400!



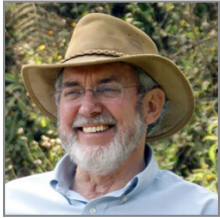
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Remember*

Death of David M. Schwartz, Somerset Resident of 49 Years

David Schwartz died on July 24, 2015 after a long illness. He was 85 years old. More than anything, David loved the women in his life: his beloved wife **Gail** (Dorset) and his three daughters, **Anne, Susan, and Rachel**. And of course he loved his nine grandchildren.

David was born in Scranton, PA and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1952. He served in the Korean War from 1952-54 and then attended Georgetown Law School. He had a distinguished career in the federal government, serving at the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Commerce. He was a member of a working group that created the Department of Transportation and served as its Director of the Office of Policy Review. Following his federal service he worked for the Washington office of a Boston law firm, Sullivan & Worcester, where he handled issues related to railroads, trucking, and shipping, among others. He retired in 1997.

David was a firm believer in the Jewish faith and spent much of his spare time supporting Israel. He contributed to Somerset by serving on the Town Council from 1975-79, and providing leadership as Council Vice Chair. David will be missed by the many friends he made over the decades he lived in Somerset.



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

“
Our Somerset
Autumn is
Here!
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You may remember from the August column that Mary and I were heading off to England. Well we survived and I'm back to tell the tale! Actually, we were very pleasantly surprised by England's "south-west" in summer. Think of the difference between DC and CA and you get something of the picture. Beautiful beaches, palm trees (yes!), bougainvillea, and of course very friendly people!

Enough of my travelogue! There are two new families to welcome to the community and both are moving to Cumberland Avenue: (1) **Ann** and **Joshua Bolten**, and son **Gage** (7 years) and (2) **Paul** and **Liliana Baldassari** and their two children **Pierpaolo** (7 years) and **Alessandro**

(3 years). A warm welcome to both families, and I hope that we will be able to greet you at the Newcomers Pool Party on the 19th of this month between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Julie Abrams/Sacks (Trent) dropped me a note to say that Dave and Julie's daughter, **Isabel**, graduated from Swarthmore College with a special major in Educational Studies and Latin American Studies. Isabel also was on the varsity swim team – can't keep those former Somerset Dolphins out of the pool! She spent the summer at a Portuguese immersion program at Middlebury College as a Kathryn Davis Fellow for Peace, and heads to Brazil on a Fulbright in 2016. I hear she would love to practice her language skills with any Portuguese speakers in Somerset before she leaves!

There is news about another daughter, reported by her mother **Barbara Shea** (Surrey). **Katie Shea** graduated from college in 2013 with degrees in mechanical engineering and bio-medical engineering, and went to work as an engineer at Boeing in El Segundo, CA for two years. Katie left her job in July, and drove across country with a friend, doing as much sightseeing as was possible in three weeks. She arrived in Somerset last month, and will be here for three weeks before leaving for London in pursuit of a master's degree in Computer Science at the Imperial College of London. She hopes to see as many of her friends from Somerset Elementary and the neighborhood as possible before she leaves, so stop by and say hello.

Last piece of news about the next generation: **Elizabeth Becker** (Cumberland) writes that her younger son, **James**, is taking a gap year as a member of the Queen's Royal Guard in Denmark!

Finally, some news from one Somerset artist about another: **Florence Gang** (Falstone) gave me a heads up that **Lila Snow** (Essex) is staging an exhibition titled "Torah Constructions and Oil Paintings" at the Town Hall from September 18th to November 20th. There will be a reception for the opening on Sunday 20th. Lila Snow has shown her work since the 70's in Washington, DC, Paris, Bologna and Sendai, Japan. Her work is included in permanent collections at the Katzen Center at American University and at the Palermo University in Buenos Aires. Born in NYC, Snow earned a degree in chemistry from Brooklyn College, and studied art in the AU Open Program during the 60s with Ben Summerford and Lothar Brabanski, and at the Corcoran School of Art. If you haven't come across Lila's work, make time to take in the exhibition; you will not be disappointed!



An example of Lila Snow's work



At St. Ives in Cornwall . . . looks like the Caribbean, until you notice my wife Mary is wearing a jacket. Water is cold!



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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Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

(Note Date Change)

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 August Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC unit application submitted by Lisa Mortier, 4809 Grantham Avenue.
3. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC unit application submitted by Susan Schneider, 5508 Greystone Street.

NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's August Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
2. **Discussion/Motion:** Westbard Plan and Traffic – 7:45 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a Building Permit application submitted by Rodd and Jodi Macklin, 4817 Dorset Avenue, to construct an addition to the existing accessory building – 8:30 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a recommendation of the Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application submitted by Joshua and Ann Bolten, 4715 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are proposing a two-story rear addition and demolition and construction of a new garage – 8:35 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider 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 – 8:40 p.m.
6. **Discussion:** Lighting Options in Town Hall parking lot presentation by Outdoor Illumination – 8:45 p.m.
7. **Discussion:** State Highway Administration traffic safety control options near the intersection of River Road and Greystone Street – 8:55 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider adoption of a Resolution confirming the closure of Wisconsin Avenue and River Road entrances on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., for the 8KM road race sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA – 9:05 p.m.

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9. **Discussion:** General Code Project Update – 9:10 p.m.

10. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 9:20 p.m.

11. **Adjourn** – 9:25 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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