



SOMERSET TOWN JOURNAL

*“Where People and Trees Have
Deep Roots and Grow Strong”*



Volume 61 • No. 8

August | 2016

Date of Publication: July 25, 2016



Tennis Courts Renovated – Let's Celebrate!

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place

The tennis court renovation is complete, and you are invited to a celebration!
Please mark your calendar for:

Date: Saturday, September 10

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You're invited to take part in the celebration **whether or not you play tennis**. You don't have to be a tennis card holder. Everyone is welcome, young and old alike, to celebrate the Town's investment in beautiful like-new tennis courts.

There'll be **FREE food**, **FREE beverages**, and **FREE tennis clinics** for both kids and adults with pro Dara Mirala. Tennis cards will be available on site for \$20. One card confers tennis privileges for your entire household. You must display a card to use Town courts, so plan on getting yours if you haven't already done so.

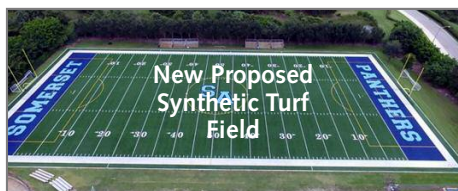
See you on the courts!

Somerset Elementary Field Renovation Campaign: A Community Effort

By Katherine Coleman, Chair, Somerset ES Field Renovation Campaign, Falstone Avenue

As anyone who has attended or whose children have attended Somerset Elementary knows, the field in the back of the school has been a problem for years. It largely consists of hard-packed dirt, which blows up dust on dry days and remains muddy for days after rain. There have been many attempts over the years to try to address this situation, including several failed attempts at re-seeding and re-sodding. It became clear that with the heavy daily use on such a small plot of land, installing synthetic turf was the only practical way to create a usable field.

In the fall of 2014, a group of parents came together and decided to take the lead and address the long-standing issue of the field once and for all. They



started the dialogue with MCPS and worked diligently to understand the history, the options and the process, which entailed approvals from the Board of Education and County Council, in addition to

continued on page 3



Play It Forward
The Somerset Elementary Field Campaign

Calendar

Monday, August 15

MVA Mobile Office

Upcoming . . .

Saturday, September 10

New Courts Tennis Celebration

Sunday, September 11

Newcomers Party

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

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

Enough Is Enough With Guns!

By Mayor Jeffrey Zane Slavin, Warwick Place

I make it a practice not to use this space to promote my own political agenda. I always try to talk about topics related to the functioning of government, improving personal habits, etc. However, I feel compelled to make an exception here

due to the crisis of gun violence that is infecting every community in the USA.

Let's start with the basic problem. We give citizens the "right to bear arms" under an unnecessary Second Amendment to the Constitution. And few elected officials will make the political sacrifice to change that. Why do we regulate the driving privilege and the consumption of food, but we basically let anyone buy a weapon even if they don't have a clue how to use it—even if they are on a terrorist watch list? How is this lack of oversight protecting the public health, let alone the right to life enshrined in the Declaration of Independence? Isn't that one of the core missions of our democratically elected leaders?

In Australia, there is no right to bear arms. And the country banned assault rifles twenty years ago after a man killed 35 people with one of these horrible weapons. And Australia doesn't have an organization like the National Rifle Association, which seems to have more power than anyone and seems to be more interested in protecting the profits of gun manufacturers than anything else. Yet for some strange reason, the kind of gun violence that we are seeing all across America doesn't happen there. Could there be a cause-and-effect relationship?

The recent events in Orlando, San Bernardino, and Dallas are incredibly depressing and they make me angrier and angrier. I think it is time to hit the streets all across the land. If we all get involved and make this problem a priority, we can show the decision makers that they have political cover to make bold moves. No one gave the Tea Party, Marriage Equality, Trump or Sanders much credit at the start and look at the amazing success of each movement. We can duplicate that to enact practical and sensible gun use laws and we must.



On My Mind

In This Issue

- All About People9
- Annual Newcomers Party on
Sunday, September 11th3
- Classified Ads10
- Council Meeting Actions5
- Five-Year Anniversary for
Town Manager3
- From the Mayor's Desk7
- General Permits5
- Manager's Corner4
- On My Mind2
- Preliminary Agenda11
- Somerset's Annual 2016 Fourth
of July Celebration8
- Somerset Elementary Field
Renovation Campaign:
A Community Effort1
- Somerset's Helping Hand10
- Somerset Officials Attend
Annual Municipal Meeting6
- Tennis Courts Renovated – Let's
Celebrate!1
- Upcoming Pool Repairs and
Maintenance6

Barbara Marenus, Editor – bmarenus@gmail.com

The **Town Journal** is the official publication of
The Town of Somerset, Montgomery County, MD.
Post Office address: 4510 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
www.townofsomerset.com

If you prefer to receive the Journal via email, please provide your request to manager@townofsomerset.com or call the Town Hall at **301-657-3211**.

Deadline for copy and ads is the 15th of the month at 4:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Jeffrey Z. Slavin, 5706 Warwick Place
301-654-6767
Town Hall Telephone: 301-657-2229
mayor@townofsomerset.com

MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President
5509 Uppingham Street
301-913-5973
mshaul@townofsomerset.com

Barbara Condos, 4706 Falstone Avenue
301-656-0461
bcondos@townofsomerset.com

Dudley Fowlkes, 4904 Falstone Avenue
202-351-9398
dfowlkes@townofsomerset.com

Franny Peale, 5521 Uppingham Street
301-652-9695
fpeale@townofsomerset.com

Barbara Zeughouser, 5412 Trent Street
301-951-8560
bzeughouser@townofsomerset.com

TOWN MANAGER
Richard Charnovich
301-657-3211
manager@townofsomerset.com

TOWN ARBORIST
Tolbert Feather
town@townofsomerset.com

TOWN HALL
Open: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday thru Friday
301-657-3211
Fax: 301-657-2773
TTY users call Maryland Relay

required permits from the Town and County. The Somerset Elementary School Foundation chose to be undaunted by the \$550,000 estimate for a synthetic turf field with organic infill and voted to take on the challenge.

In May 2015, the Board of Education approved the request to allow the fundraising for the project to proceed. The Somerset PTA pledged \$54,321 to jump-start the campaign. The first major individual pledge was from Mayor Slavin, whose \$25,000 leadership gift inspired many others to support the effort.



The campaign was named “Play it Forward,” to reflect

the fact that this was an investment for current and future children of Somerset ES. We hope the successful completion of this project will inspire similar private-public partnerships at other schools to meet their specific needs.

Over the next ten months, the Somerset community came together in a remarkable way to support the campaign. Families of current students, the PTA, Foundation board members, Town Council members, and parents of alumni all made contributions to support this community asset. On a single day in December (“Giving Tuesday”), nearly 100 donors contributed to the campaign. In addition, the Town Council voted to donate \$10,000, setting an example for other municipalities served by the school. Chevy Chase West, the Village of Drummond, Kenwood, and Chevy Chase Village all made generous donations to the campaign.

In addition to financial donations, parents donated the campaign logo, the printing of brochures, and the tracking sign, and over two dozen families hosted campaign parties and fundraisers of various kinds. By March 2016, the entire amount had been raised. Even more remarkable, every single donor pledge was fulfilled.

In parallel with the private fundraising effort, MCPS led the design and permitting process, obtaining the required permits from the County and Somerset and overseeing the bidding process. The field committee researched many types of organic infill materials, ultimately selecting cork. Based on school parents’ input, the installation contract requires that an independent firm test the specific materials to be used in our field--the backing, infill and “carpet”—for 18 heavy metals, including lead.

The County Council voted on July 12, 2016 to approve the construction phase of the field. Construction is scheduled to start soon, and the project is expected to last 8-12 weeks, depending on weather and other factors.

This has been a true collaborative effort that will benefit our school children and community for years to come. We could not have done it without the guidance and support of our Mayor and Council, as well as Town Manager Rich Charnovich and Town Arborist Tolbert Feather. Thank you, Somerset!!

Save the Date

Annual Newcomers Party on Sunday, September 11th

Please come to welcome our new residents at the Town pool on Saturday, September 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends. Bring your children, relax, socialize and enjoy light refreshments provided by Town Hall. Contact **Kathryn Schwartz**, Newcomers Party Chair, (Essex) at Kathryn@wydlerbrothers.com for information on the event.



Five-Year Anniversary for Town Manager

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street

On behalf of the Town Council, I want to acknowledge and congratulate our Town Manager, Rich Charnovich, on his fifth anniversary in Somerset. We feel so fortunate that Rich is our Town Manager. Rich is extremely hard-working and very knowledgeable about what it takes to manage a town like Somerset. He is always up to new challenges and dealing with a multitude of issues every day, some of which may have been unanticipated when he walked in the door that morning. Rich offers the Council good advice on what and when we can discuss policy issues that affect our community and provides support for community events that make Somerset such a special place. Thank you Rich for all you do! We hope you will be our Town Manager for many more years.



Thanks to All Attendees and Volunteers at the Town's July 4th Celebration

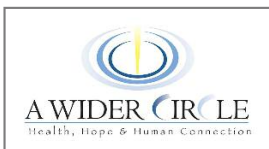
Even with the threat of inclement weather, we would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend our annual event. We also want to

thank all the volunteers who attended and helped to make the event a great success!

Vehicle Access across the Bridge in the Pool Area

This is just a friendly reminder that unless it is for handicapped parking, normal vehicle traffic is prohibited to travel across the bridge to the area by the bike rack and basketball court area. Children play on the courts, and there is a lot of bicycle traffic in this area, so it is essential to limit vehicle traffic in this area.

Curbside Refuse Collection for Large Items and or Many Items



It is important that you check with either the Town Hall and/or Unity Disposal before you place large items or a large volume of items curbside for the weekly

Tuesday collection. If necessary, Unity will schedule a special pick-up for a fee for a large volume of items. Please do consider donating appropriate items to an organization such as A Wider Circle or other Montgomery County donation centers. By doing this in advance, we also avoid a scenario where a large number of items sit curbside for any period of time beyond the Tuesday collection, which is contrary to the Town code.

Maintenance of Shrubbery over Sidewalks and Common Areas

With summer here, please remember that the Town Code contains language regarding restrictions to shrubbery

growing over sidewalks and required maintenance of the area between your property and the street curb.

Section 4-101 of the Code speaks to 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 on the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.com.



Keep Cars Parked on the Street Locked!

Here are examples of strategies for preventing auto theft:

- Lock all your doors and close the 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 registration in your wallet or purse rather than the vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit and populated area.
- Use a visible anti-theft device that has a visible indicator (about \$20 to \$50). They 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 in your vehicle.
- **Report suspicious activity to the police: Emergency 911, non-emergency 301-279-8000.**

Summer Is Here: Please Watch for Children and Pedestrians!



With summer here and school out, please be mindful of pedestrians, including many children, who will be walking to and from the pool, tennis courts, etc. Please be extra careful and make sure you follow speed limit/traffic sign laws and other driving laws such as the no handheld device law.

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The Town Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the May 2, 2106 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the June 6, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of a 6-month building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 4807 Dorset Avenue.
4. Approval of a recommendation by the Town Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application submitted for 4901 Dorset Avenue to construct a stone wall in the existing location to replace the wooden wall at the rear of the property.
5. Approval of a permit request submitted by WSSC to complete a pipe rehabilitation and stream restoration project in Town parkland adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue.
6. Approval of the removal of the Town owned elm tree located in Capello Park as recommended by the Town Arborist.
7. Adoption of revised Tennis Court Rules as was recommended by the Tennis Committee.
8. Adoption of a revised Tennis Etiquette Code as was recommended by the Tennis Committee
9. Approval of a concept plan with slight amendments for the final version of a new Town Directory and Handbook as recommended by the Ad Hoc Communications Committee. Bids on the new publication will be considered at the August 1 Council Meeting.

Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report. Town Manager Charnovich presented the June 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. Meetings on the project will resume in the fall.

General Permits



Tree Removal Permits

4731 Essex Avenue, 1 Cedar
4822 Dorset Avenue, 1 Elm
5519 Trent Street, 1 White Pine

5416 Uppingham Street, 1 Ash
4600 Dorset Avenue, 1 Princess Tree

Pod Permit

5405 Greystone Street

Somerset Officials Attend Annual Municipal Meeting

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street and Council Member Barbara Condos, Falstone Avenue



Four Somerset officials attended the annual Maryland Municipal League (MML) conference in June. The conference is a good opportunity to learn more about how to improve municipal government, to network and to learn from other public officials. Somerset attendees included Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick), Council Members **Barbara Condos** (Falstone), **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) and Town Manager **Rich Charnovich**.

One of the sessions that was especially helpful was on traffic calming and pedestrian safety. Following that session, we met with officials from the Maryland Department of Transportation to discuss how pedestrian safety can be improved on River Road and how to get more help from the Maryland State Highway Administration in accomplishing this.

Workshops on using social media in a public setting pointed out many things that need to be in place for this to work for a town like ours. And a workshop on fraud awareness and prevention highlighted issues to look out for.

Many vendors attend the meeting. We were especially interested in talking with those that provide street lighting, electronic methods for dealing with documents, and improved meeting support. One of the street lighting vendors has already followed up and visited Somerset and will be assessing some of our streets and our options for improving lighting.

Finally, our Town Manager, Rich Charnovich, carried Somerset's flag in the Parade of Flags at the opening session. He also represented Somerset at the ceremonies for Banner Cities (an MML designation for active communities) and HEAL Cities (Healthy Eating Active Living).

Upcoming Pool Repairs and Maintenance



By Alexis Carmer, Chair, Pool Committee, Essex Avenue, and Barbara Condos, Council Member, Falstone Avenue

At the August 1 meeting, the Town Council will consider bids submitted for pool renovations and repairs. The work to the main pool will include the following: new white coating and repair of any defects to the concrete shell noted once the old white coating has been removed; replacement and repair of the tile work; and upgrading and repair of the in-pool lights. It has also been recommended that the children's pool be white coated and the tile surround be replaced. On the deck, the life guard chairs need to be

replaced and the slide needs reconditioning. The Town's pool consultant, John Chadwick, has reviewed these work items and the bids received, as has the Pool Committee. The 2017 budget includes a \$110,000 line item to cover these expenses. If approved, work on this project will commence after the pool closes in September.

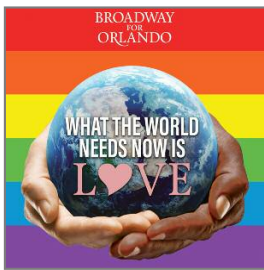


By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Even though we had to move our Fourth of July celebration indoors because of the threat of heavy rain, Somerset's most popular annual event took place without a hitch. Four Somerset Girl Scouts proudly presented the colors, followed by a beautiful rendition of the national anthem sung once again by our own **Andrew Lewis** (Trent). Former Council Member **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset), our "music director," then added a new dimension. She led a Broadway music medley including a song from *Hamilton* performed by two fourth graders. In the fall, we will have a longer music program at the Newcomers Party. The highlight of the day, as always, was the reading of the Declaration of Independence by a large number of Town youth, organized by my next door neighbor **Kathy Toomey** (Warwick). Elected officials in attendance to offer Independence Day messages included our distinguished and popular Attorney General **Brian Frosh** (Grantham), D16 Senator Susan Lee, D16 Delegates Marc Korman and Ariana Kelly, County Councilmember George Leventhal, and County Executive Ike Leggett, accompanied by First Lady Catherine Leggett. The cupcake decorating contest which we began two years continued to increase in popularity, and one of the judges, **Alex Pack** (Surrey), also led the children's games after the proceedings. Thanks to staffers Rich, Nicole, Enrique, Tomas and Jose for their hard work in putting the day's festivities together—especially Nicole.

I always enjoy attending our annual Swim Team Banquet and this year was no exception. Even if you don't have child on the team, it would warm your heart to see what a great job our Swim Team Committee does to ensure a positive experience for our young people, many of whom will no doubt eventually have a large impact on the quality of life in our area.

Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), Council Member **Barbara Condos** (Falstone), Town Manager **Rich Charnovich** and I once again made the trek to Ocean City for the annual Maryland Municipal League Convention with



many of the municipal officials from across the State. We attended a number of workshops, visited potential vendors for the Town and networked, networked, networked. One of the highlights of the trip was the presentation at the banquet by newly installed MML President Tracy Farrish Gant (Mayor of Edmonston, a small town the size of ours right next to Hyattsville) of her theme for the 2016–2017 year: Inclusion. Accompanying her remarks was the showing of a new video, "*What the World Needs Now Is Love*," by a number of Broadway stars, at which point most in the audience got up, held hands and sang. It was quite moving. I recommend everyone check out the powerful video.

As often happens this time of year, minor crime increases in Somerset. A number of cars were broken into overnight recently and there was a recent break-in or an attempted break-in on Dorset. I have spoken with the police and wish to remind everyone to always lock cars and increase lighting inside and surrounding your house, especially when you are away.

Safe travels to all who will be venturing out of town this month!



From The Mayor's Desk

Somerset's Annual 2016 Fourth of July Celebration

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place



Readers of the Declaration of Independence

Eighteen young Somerset residents participated in a reading of the Declaration of Independence. It was a terrific representation of youth, ranging in age from 7 to 13. Some were new readers and some have been participating for many years.

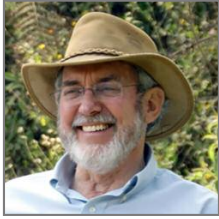
Here are the names of the readers in the order in which they appeared: **Don Smith** (Dorset); **Emmett Freeman** (Warwick); **Miriam Hakim** (Greystone); **Julia Meddin** (Warwick); **Alexandra Finn** (Surrey); **Delia Vanderzon** (Falstone); **Ava Haraldsson** (Uppingham); **Aden Harris** (Warwick); **Lewis Labson** (Falstone); **Jake Williams** (Warwick); **Evie Labson** (Falstone); **Phoebe Lewis** (Trent); **Clara Bilbao** (Surrey); **Lucas Lopez Forastier** (Falstone); **Ana Carmer** (Essex); **Georgie Coleman** (Falstone); **Margaret Coleman** (Falstone); and **Nata Freeman** (Warwick).

Thanks are in order to my next door neighbor **Kathy Toomey** (Warwick) for organizing this important activity.

Cupcake Contest

First place winners: **Bill and Marty Angell** (Dorset), Second place: **Lucy Freeman's** (Dorset) grandchildren (**Taylor & Kamila**), Third place: **Guustavo Rego** (Uppingham) and **Asher Lewis** (Trent), and Fourth place: **Carter Davis** (Cumberland).

The judges were: **Bruce Tully** (Warwick), **Alex Pack** (Surrey), and **Phyllis Wiesenfelder** (Cumberland).



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Last month's column was quite long. I had lots of news items and interesting happenings to report on, but this month many of you must be away so I have less to report. Do I hear our hardworking Journal editor breathing a sigh of relief?

“ The Dog Days Of Summer Are Here!

One area of perennial news is that of new residents moving into Somerset, and this month is no exception. The **Alex** and **Iva Gotzev** family have moved into Trent Street with their children, **Cali** (14 years), **Niki** (12 years), and baby **Jax**. **John** and **Vanessa Beckman** are putting down roots on Dorset Avenue with their children, **Ava** (8 years) and **Willa** (5 years). Greystone Street is getting two new families: **Jeremy Strauss** and **Leanne MacDougall** and their two girls **Nadia** (11 years) and **Violet** (9 years). Just up the street are the **Vincent** and **Tracy Barbour** family with their daughter **Erica**, and their very friendly Doberman dog, **Max**.

” Welcome to all of you from the Somerset community. I hope that you will be captured by the magic of this little Town and never leave!

Here are some updates from **Gina** and **Michael Pack** (Surrey) on their family. Their son, **Alex**, graduated from St. Albans School and will be heading to Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan in the fall. He's selling geodes and gems at a shop at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue this summer, so stop by. Another son, **Thomas**, just finished a year at St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM, and will be heading back to the Annapolis campus for his senior year in the fall. This summer he was awarded the Hertog Fellowship in Political Philosophy. Lastly, another son, **William**, successfully completed Fire I and Fire II, as part of his on-going training as a volunteer fire fighter and EMT. He serves at Cabin John Volunteer Fire Station on River Road, where he has been for seven years, and continues working for **Mark Oxley** (Dorset) at Outdoor Illumination. **Michael Pack**, a documentary filmmaker, is now President and CEO of the Claremont Institute, a think tank based in Claremont, CA. He continues to work on documentary film projects for PBS with his wife, **Gina**. The Packs senior have become bi-coastal red-eye travelers this past year with this new job development.

I also want to report that **Damien Singelmann** of Uppinham Street has graduated from BCC High School and is heading for the University of Maryland in the fall to study physics, his mother **Erica** told me. Congratulations to Damien!

Have many of you viewed the paintings by **Janet Baldinger** (Surrey) on exhibition in the Town Hall? If not, I have good news: the show is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until the end of this month. I'm planning to get there myself, as I missed the opening last month.

One of our indefatigable artists, **Lois Levitan** (Falstone), has had a sculpture piece "Variation on the Theme" chosen for the Third Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition presented by University of Maryland University College (UMUC). The Exhibition features art from new and emerging contemporary artists from Maryland, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia. Over 125 artists submitted more than 400 pieces and 60 were chosen for the exhibit. The Opening reception will be held September 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the lower level of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Adelphi, MD. Good luck, Lois, as the exhibition moves into its competitive stage!

Another bit of news . . . one of our older canine residents, **Harpo** (owner **Barbara Levine**, Uppingham), has popped up as 'volunteer of the month' in PAL (People Animals Love) Newsletter of June 2016 at info@peopleanimalslove.org.

"Harpo, a 13-year young Labradoodle and his human companion Barbara have volunteered at the Chevy Chase, Takoma Park, and Mt. Peasant Libraries for a number of years. They are a dedicated couple who bring humor and joy to all of the communities they volunteer in."

Well done Harpo and Barbara – may you long continue to give pleasure to young readers!

Lastly, just in case you did not hear the great news about the Dolphins, here is a recent listserv post from **Nancy Jardini**, Chair, Swim Team, (Essex):

"Graduating senior **Yasha Fatoohi** (Warwick) swam his last event as a Somerset Dolphin yesterday and helped propel the Dolphins to an impressive win over undefeated Calverton. The entire team, from the youngest to the all-Somerset – coaches, gathered at the end of his lane and cheered their hearts out. Yasha responded with his best race ever – dropping 3 seconds and winning the event by the narrowest of margins – .001 second. THANK YOU Somerset for supporting this wonderful community activity."



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**.

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 diane.b.horn@gmail.com.

HAVING TROUBLE WITH TECHNOLOGY? Let me untangle it for you. Hire your own personal technology concierge, who helps you figure out what to buy, how it works, and keep it working. I am available for any question or issue. Call **Jonathan Horn** at **202-557-1151** or email Jon.m.horn@gmail.com.

DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR INCLINATION TO TACKLE ALL YOUR TO DO'S? Please let me help you troubleshoot, research and resolve those problems hanging over your head. Think of me as an extra set of hands to complete whatever projects need attention. Contact **Rob Albert** at **202-436-1115** or email Rob@DependableDad.com.

YOGA IN THE 'HOOD: Come as you are to CalmHeart Yoga! All bodies are welcome to bend, stretch and strengthen in small, personalized classes. Currently S/M/Th mornings. Kids' classes, meditation, restorative, partner yoga, yoga for anxiety or insomnia available by request. Contact **Lauren Rubenstein** at **301-928-9606** or DrLaurenRubenstein@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, Monday, August 1, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2016 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 Zeughouser, Franny Peale, Dudley Fowlkes, Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the May 23, 2016 Special Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the July 5, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC replacement unit application submitted for 5515 Surrey Street.
4. **Motion:** To consider approval of a HVAC replacement unit application submitted for 5525 Surrey Street.

NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's July Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
2. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider approval of a permit request submitted by Maximilian and Wendy Teleki, 5522 Warwick Place. The applicants are requesting the following permits: Demolition, Dumpster, Building, Curb Cut and Retaining Wall (2) – 7:45 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider approval of a site plan amendment submitted by Sandy Spring Builders for the project currently occurring at 4823 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting to slightly change the location of the shed and to install a retaining wall in the rear yard – 8:00 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider a permit request submitted by Guido Bracciale and Sharmeen Ahsan-Bracciale, 5800 Deal Place, to install a deck in the rear of the property – 8:05p.m.
5. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider a 6 month building permit extension request submitted by Taher Behbehani and Hedyeh Esfahanian-Behbehani, 4814 Falstone Avenue – 8:10 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider approval of the removal of the following Town tree located at 4803 Falstone Avenue as recommended by the Town Arborist:
6" Flowering Cherry – 8:20 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing / Motion:** To consider bids received and final approval on construction work to take place at the Town Pool at the end of the 2016 pool season – 8:25 p.m.

continued on page 12

Preliminary Agenda from page 11

8. **Motion:** Bids received for the new Directory/Handbook as recommended by the Communications Committee – 8:40 p.m.
9. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 8:50 p.m.
10. **Discussion:** Mayor’s Report – 8:55 p.m.
11. **Adjourn:** – 9:00 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.