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Save the Date



**Yankee
Doodle
Dandy**
with
**Peanuts and
Crackerjacks**



Sing-Along on Sunday, June 26 | By Cathy Pickar, Dorset Avenue

Adults and kids,* singers and instrumentalists — come to Town Hall on **Sunday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.** for some community music fun. We'll prepare some Americana songs to sing at the Town's 4th of July Celebration. Play an instrument? Bring that along with a portable music stand or clip. Let me know what you play, your level and I'll write out a part for you. Singers, there's no bad voice, just music fun at this event. We might just have a parade and march to the pool after the celebration with 76 trombones! 76 strings! (cellos and bases, put a wheel on the endpin), 76 flutes! 76 guitars, 76 sackbuts! 76 shofars! 76 mouth harps! Whatever you play, we'll fit it in. Whatever your voice is like, we'll make it ring. (*Grade 3 and younger accompanied by a parent only.)

Please email me at cpickar@gmail.com or call 240-447-6847.



New Somerset Tennis Courts Coming Soon

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place

The complete renovation of Town tennis courts is scheduled to begin on or about Monday, June 13th. Renovation will include a new Nova Pro Bounce surface, new fencing, new

windcreens, a new keylock security system, and improved drainage.

Work is expected to take 4-5 weeks. With luck we'll be playing on our courts again by mid July. In the meantime, we have arranged reciprocal privileges with the Somerset House condominiums. Please note the following instructions for using their courts:

- **Reserve court time** 72 hours in advance by calling 301-654-6780.
- Present your **Somerset tennis card** at the gatehouse for admission.
- Sign the **required waiver** the first time you play.
- There are only nine **visitor parking** spaces. Best to walk, bike or carpool.
- **Guests** are OK as long as one player is a Somerset tennis-card holder.
- **Instructors** are not OK.

There are **blackout times**. We are NOT allowed to use their courts on **Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Sundays 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Fridays 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For further information, please contact me at keycom@verizon.net.

Calendar

Saturday, June 18

Somerset Summer Kickoff

Monday, June 20

MVA Mobile Office

Sunday, June 26

Art Exhibit Opens at Town Hall

Sunday, June 26

Sing-Along at Town Hall

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

Maximizing Resources

As most know, Somerset was recently named America's second-snobbiest city — for those of 20,000 residents and under — by the national website AreaVibes. (<http://www.areavibes.com/library/10-snobby-small-towns-america>)

While I took that news with a grain of salt and a sense of humor, it did lead me to once again be mindful of how resource-laden we are, especially since the “snobby index” included ease of accessibility to art galleries and theatre. Thankfully, no one who is rational would truly believe that just because you have a nice house and good schools around means you are a snob. No one I know in Somerset thinks he or she is any better than others just because they have a beautiful house and excellent education. And this was the kind message I gave to all the media mavens who called me for comment after the survey came out. I also reminded everyone of how much our folks “give back.”

On the other hand, I paid more attention to a different study that was actually more provocative. This one, from Emily Bianchi of Emory University and Kathleen Vohs of the University of Minnesota, found that those with more resources spent less time socializing with others, including neighbors, and more time alone. (<http://www.vox.com/2016/5/5/11578994/income-friends-family>)

While the study made sense when I read the details, I was happy to realize that the conclusion was clearly not applicable to Somerset. Because we are a municipality with many programs and frequent communication, e.g, the Town Journal and the Town website, we have many opportunities to get to know our neighbors better, create friendships and plan get-togethers.

Activities the Town funds, like the swimming pool, tennis courts, swim team, special events and public meetings help foster our wonderful sense of community that apparently doesn't happen in most other “snobb” places!

I feel very grateful knowing that what the Council, staff and I do every day leads to many benefits for our townspeople. I highly recommend that everyone review these two studies and give them some thought. I hope they will make you feel even more proud of where you live.

Note to Readers:

The Town Journal is available online one week prior to each monthly Council meeting. Photos can be seen in color online.

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Somerset's First-Ever Earth Day Bikefest

By Dudley Fowlkes, Council Member, Falstone Avenue

Planning the first-ever Somerset Earth Day Bike event, held on April 24th, was a challenge. There had never been one before, so there was no blueprint. As the statesman or Council Member learns early, it's one thing to enact a law and another thing to enforce it. So it was with the Bike-apalooza. It's one thing to draw up a plan, and another to execute that plan. Let's just say, neither end went perfectly. That's the bad news.

The good news is that people came out and because it was new it was all gravy. All the good things that were there i.e., the band, our faithful police, the food, the people fixing bikes as fast as they could, socializing, the kids playing and riding around, were there for everyone. The environment showed up, too. Little Falls Creek, problems notwithstanding, shimmered in the sunshine and made a pleasing constant sound beneath the bridge. Our facility itself also came to life after its seasonal dormancy with the barn doors of the pool house opening.

There could have been a banner stretched across the street reading: BIKES ARE FOR EVERYBODY, but there didn't need to be. All you had to do was look at the mix of people there, helping each other. It could have said BIKES ARE GOOD FOR SOMERSET, but it didn't have to because here was Somerset at its best, and it was all about bikes. And, it didn't have to say LET'S BE A BETTER BIKE COMMUNITY because if you were there you saw us becoming one.

So many good things came together that the event ran itself. There will be a Somerset Earth Day Bikefest event in 2017, and it will be better planned, and better executed; the only drag will be a high expectation based on the success of this year. I think it's a good problem to have.



Left to right, Somerset's local talent: Katherine Coleman, Jim Kambouris, Peter Mali, and David Lee





Summer Kick-off Party on June 18

Need a pick-me-up from this unusually chilly spring? Please join us for the Town's annual kick-off party to celebrate the opening of the pool on **Saturday, June 18, starting at 12:30 p.m.** Picnic food and beverages will be provided.

We hope to see you there!



Getting Ready for the Town's July 4 Event

The Town of Somerset's annual July 4 event will occur this year on **Monday, July 4**. Please look for the flier with details

on the event in next month's Journal. We will be seeking volunteers to help us with the planning and set-up on the 4th. We would greatly appreciate your help!

WSSC Project Status



The WSSC sewer rehabilitation project that has been in the design phase for quite some time now is scheduled for final action by the Town Council on June 6. The Town and its legal counsel have been working out a final contract with WSSC.

It is taking longer than anticipated for WSSC to review the latest version of the agreement. We are hoping agreed upon terms will be finalized before the June 6 Council meeting.



Tennis Court Resurfacing Project Update

Due to the unusually wet weather this May, we are going to push the tennis court resurfacing project back

1 month. The approximate start date will be June 13, 2016. The courts will remain open until that date. The project is scheduled to take 45 days, weather permitting. Please follow the regular Town announcements for any further details.

Maintenance of Shrubbery over Sidewalks and Common Areas

With summer upon us, I want to remind residents to properly maintain any shrubbery/vegetation on your property that may be hanging over sidewalk areas. It is much safer for walker, bikers, etc. if the sidewalk areas are kept clear. Section 4-101 of the Code addresses this topic. Please contact the Town Hall if you would like a copy of this code section. Alternatively, the Town Code in its entirety can be located on the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.com.

New Plan Reviewer and Code Inspector

At the end of 2015, our long time Code Officer, Larry Plummer, retired. I would like to welcome Doug Lohmeyer and Wayne Fowler, who will be serving as his replacements. Doug will be handling the building plan reviews, and Wayne will be monitoring projects in the field. I hope everyone will give Doug and Wayne a warm welcome to Somerset.



Volunteers needed to help with the planning and set-up of the July 4th celebration.

New Kensington Middle School Could Impact Somerset Students in 2017

By Cinzia Furlanetto, Dorset Avenue



Over the last five months, the PTA at Somerset Elementary School has been involved in active discussions with the Montgomery County Board of Education (BoE) about an important boundary issue concerning a new Bethesda-Chevy Chase middle school. This new school will open in Kensington in 2017. Decisions about which students will attend the new school versus Westland will be made by the end of this year.

A boundary study, authorized by the Board of Education in 2015, projected increasing enrollment at Westland Middle School resulting in a space deficit escalating to 579 slots in 2017-2018. The new B-CC Middle School under construction in Kensington will have space for 930 students. The seven elementary schools involved in this boundary study were clustered into 10 different options on the basis of the following criteria: minimize distance; promote comparable race/ethnic demographics; promote comparable ESOL and Free and Reduced-price Meals demographics; and consider availability of public transportation and future housing developments. Only option number 9 includes Somerset ES in the B-CC Middle School cluster, and it is one of the least popular among all parents. Specifically, Option 9 would send students from Somerset ES to the new B-CC middle school, while students in Bethesda ES and Chevy Chase ES, who are north of Somerset, would have to come south past Somerset to Westland Middle School. PTA representatives from the seven schools are currently members of the Advisory Committee, and they had until June 1st to turn in their position papers for the final evaluation.

Later this month, the committee will send a report to the Superintendent who will make his recommendations for the Board of Education's final decision. November will be the critical time when the Board of Education will hold public hearings before making their decision, and this is exactly when we, parents, should submit our opinions.

For more information about how to make your voice heard, please contact: Somerset ES PTA, Boundary Advisory Committee Representatives Lyric Winik at lyricwinik@mac.com or Kerri Davis at daviskerri2001@yahoo.com.

For more details about the boundary studies, please consult the MCPS website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/boundary.aspx>

General Permits



Tree Removal Permits

4725 Dorset Avenue, 2 saucer magnolia trees
4816 Dorset Avenue, 1 flowering dogwood
5808 Warwick Place, 1 flowering dogwood and
1 red maple
4910 Cumberland Avenue, 1 pin oak

Fence Permits

5407 Greystone Street, installation of a replacement
fence in the rear and side yards
5412 Surrey Street, installation of a fence in the
rear yard

Save the Date

Town Hall Art Show Opens on Sunday, June 26th

Janet Baldinger (Surrey) cordially invites all neighbors and friends to attend a reception for an exhibition of her paintings, *Pastels*, at the Town Hall on **Sunday, June 26th, from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Janet began an art journey in Somerset forty two years ago as the chairman of the volunteer art program at Somerset Elementary School. She assisted the art teacher who had been relegated to “art cart” duty every other week, when funding for the arts was cut in the 70’s. Volunteers worked closely with the classroom teachers and coordinated art activities with various classroom projects creating murals, book jackets, calligraphy, puppets and more. In addition, Janet and former Somerset resident **Ruth Ephraim** taught private after-school classes in Ruth’s studio.

When her children left Somerset Elementary, Janet worked at the Corcoran Gallery and the National Museum of Women in the Arts, giving tours for over 30 years. Janet’s initial medium was primarily watercolors. However, she began exploring pastels while spending the winter in Florida where she found endless inspiration. The collection on exhibit includes images inspired by various destinations both at home and abroad. Janet hopes you will enjoy the show. The exhibition will continue at the Town Hall through August.

Janet has a degree in Art Education and taught at her alma mater, Northwestern High School in Adelphi, Maryland. While there, as a student, she was in Puppet Club with Jim Henson!



Water Aerobics to Start on Monday, June 20

By Lucy Freeman, Dorset Avenue

Water aerobics will begin **Monday, June 20th** and will meet **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The teaching schedule follows: Monday – Tania, Wednesday – Shelley, and Friday–Robin. The charge is \$5.00 per class. Please bring a flotation device and have money in your swimming pool account with the Town.

Join us for the fun! Everyone is welcome! Call me at **301-654-8115** with any questions.



Revised Council Liaison and Town Representation Assignments

By Council Vice President Marnie Shaul, Uppingham Street

Each year the Council agrees on Council Member liaison assignments to the Town's committees. It also agrees on liaison assignments to Town ad hoc committees, other Town activities, and representation with external organizations. If you have questions about various Town and external organizations, you can contact the Council Members listed below.

Assignments for Town Committees:

Audit Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos, Alternate

Batting Cage Committee: Franny Peale

Environmental Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser, Alternate

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

Pool Committee: Barbara Condos, Dudley Fowlkes, Alternate

Swim Team Committee: Dudley Fowlkes, Barbara Condos, Alternate

Tennis Committee: Franny Peale, Marnie Shaul, Alternate

Other Liaison Assignments and Council Responsibilities

Ad Hoc Communications Committee: Dudley Fowlkes, Franny Peale

Ad Hoc Personnel Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser

Ad Hoc Town Hall Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale

Bethesda Fire Board: Barbara Condos

Bus Rapid Transit: County Committee: Barbara Condos

Check signing: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser

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

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

Code Review: Barbara Condos, Franny Peale

Transportation Management District (TMD): Barbara Condos

Wellness Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Marnie Shaul

Westbard Sector Plan Development: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2016. The Town Council took the following actions:

1. Jeffrey Slavin was sworn in as the Mayor. Barbara Condos and Dudley Fowlkes were sworn in as Council Members.
2. Marnie Shaul was elected as the Council Vice President.
3. Officer Sun Cheoung was introduced as a new part-time security officer in Somerset.
4. The Council liaison assignments for 2016-2017 were approved.
5. Approval of the March 7, 2016 Council meeting minutes.
6. Approval of the April 4, 2016 Council meeting minutes.
7. Approval of a HVAC replacement unit application submitted for 4709 Trent Court.
8. Approval of a HVAC replacement unit application submitted for 4803 Falstone Avenue.
9. Approval of a HVAC replacement unit application submitted for 5508 Greystone Street.
10. Approval of a resolution setting the 2016 Morning Swim fee at \$100.00 for the season as recommended by the Pool Committee.
11. Approval of the FY17 budget, setting the real property tax at .10 and personal property tax at 1.00.
12. Approval of a site plan amendment application submitted at 5607 Warwick Place to construct a new fence and retaining walls.
13. Approval of a site plan amendment application at 5800 Deal Place to construct a retaining wall.
14. Approval of the following Town tree planting at 5522 Trent Street: 1 Yoshino Cherry
15. Approval of the removal of the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
 - 4718 Essex Avenue – 1 Pin Oak, tree #300
 - 5522 Trent Street – 1 Flowering Cherry, tree #672
 - Park across from Dorset Avenue – 1 Norway Maple
 - Pool area along back fence line – 1 Ash
 - 5413 Trent Street – 1 Flowering Dogwood, tree #633
16. Approval of the removal of the following 3 trees based on an application submitted by the property owners at 4909 Essex Avenue:
 - 1 Tulip Poplar
 - 1 Ash
 - 1 Standing Dead Tree
17. Approval of a permit to install a replacement fence on the school property, remove 13 trees per the Town Arborist report and to replant 13 trees as reforestation.
18. Approval of a storm water management concept plan proposal as recommended by the Town Environmental Committee.
19. Approval of an amended memorandum of understanding between the Town of Somerset and Montgomery County implementing the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement.
20. Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Town of Somerset and Montgomery County implementing the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.
21. Approval to authorize sending a letter to State Senator Richard Madaleno, Jr. thanking him for his efforts concerning recent Wynne case legislation and efforts concerning address miscoding throughout Chevy Chase by the Maryland State Comptroller's Office.
22. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report. Town Manager Charnovich presented the April Financial Report. Representatives from the Somerset Elementary School turf installation project were at the meeting to explain the storm water concept plan that Montgomery County approved. Council Member Condos, Council Member Peale and Town Manager Charnovich provided an update on the Town Code and Charter project with General Code.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Now that the Council has voted on the FY17 budget, the Town's annual fiscal planning season is over. I want to particularly thank the members of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee for their guidance—which include **Robin Barr** (Essex), **Phil Young** (Greystone) and **Jonathan Medalia** (Surrey)—because the revenue numbers were particularly challenging this year given the Supreme Court's Wynne decision and major administrative problems in the Comptroller's office. I also

was totally impressed with the manner in which the Council members addressed the budget topics at the meetings—always being in attendance, well prepared and asking great questions—and of course with the expert assistance of our budget wizard, Town Manager Rich Charnovich.



Council Vice President Marnie Shaul

I want to re-mention that I consider the Mayor's job to be a round the clock position and no one should hesitate to call me late at night or in the wee hours of the morning, seven days a week with an issue, however “minor” the circumstances. While there are not a lot of emergencies in Somerset, from time to time there are weather related problems, trees down, trash issues and the like and nothing is too inconsequential to call to my attention. It is best to try my cell first **202-549-2299** (call/text) but you can also telephone my house at **301-654-6767** or email me at jzslavin@aol.com (I check my iPhone often). Since I am a notary, I am frequently available for that service, too.

It's that time of year again when many households have school graduates at all levels, from elementary school to professional school, and even beyond. Because there is so much interest, I want to encourage both the students or their parents to let us know so that we can mention these accomplishments in the Town Journal. Please provide this information to **Alan Dock** (Falstone) who writes the popular “All About People” column by sending an email to alandock26@gmail.com. Don't be embarrassed to “advertise” that your families are so successful . . . please give us the chance to celebrate our own.



Left to right: Council Member Barbara Condos, Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, and Council Member Dudley Fowlkes

Various people have complained to me about the length of time it takes some residents to remove their political signs after an election. I want to congratulate all the recent winners, but now that the primary is over, let's be sure to remove the signs and eventually recycle the appropriate ones for the general election season starting in the fall.

Most of my favorite mayoral duties involve our children, and the annual Career Day at Somerset ES on a recent Friday was no exception. Council Member **Dudley Fowlkes** (Falstone) and I hosted three different sessions with kids from second to fifth grade. While it was fun to share stories with the students of what it is like to be an elected official, as always, I think I learned more from the children than they did from me! I am sure that Dudley would agree. Can't wait to do it again next year.

Finally, a number of you got to know a former member of my household, **Hal Haynes** (Warwick), during his eighteen month stay, as he performed a number of odd jobs and services for residents and was a dog-walking regular, too. I am pleased to report that Hal has successfully completed his doctoral defense and will be awarded his Ph.D. from the University of North Dakota in Bismarck in August. More excitedly, after a long search, Hal has landed a dream job as Dean of Students and External Affairs at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin in a beautiful setting on Lake Superior. He begins work on July 1. I am sure he would be happy to host anyone who plans to be in that part of the USA.



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Allow me to let you into a secret . . . I'm writing this June column on a rainy Sunday morning in the middle of May, in Pretoria South Africa! Mary and I made a flying visit (no pun intended) to attend her goddaughter's wedding. Fortunately, I have my iPad and with the assistance of the internet I have gathered the news from you, so here goes!

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Enjoy a great
Somerset
summer!

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We'll start with some news of our young people: **Ann Brown** (Trent) tells me her daughter **Lucy** is off to Oberlin in the fall. I remember **Tess Joseph** (Essex) was a freshman at Oberlin this year, and I'm sure will welcome Lucy into the Oberlin community in the fall. **Bridget Cowie** (Trent) emailed me to say her son **Colin**, a senior at B-CC, will be attending Purdue next year to study Computer Information Technology. You may remember from my April column, **Colin** and his twin sister **Kate** were captains of their respective lacrosse teams this year. I wonder if Colin will play lacrosse at Purdue and what are his sister's plans?

At the other end of the college journey, **Dorothy Shulman** (Falstone) writes that her daughter **Simone Holzer** graduated on May 21st from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. She will be working in Washington, DC in the fall. Congratulations, Simone!

Gina Pack (Surrey) tipped me off about the prowess of **Matt Bowman** (STA '09). Matt in his Major League debut with the St. Louis Cardinals pitched two scoreless innings in April! Proud mom is **Margaret Chou** (Trent).

Our hard working retired members of the diplomatic service, **Barbara** and **Bruce Tully** (Warwick) wrote that they traveled to Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile in April to lecture and teach at the Harding University campus there on person-to-person diplomacy, U.S. South American diplomatic policies, and international anti-crime and terrorism initiatives. They then went on to the Straits of Magellan in Punta Arenas and the incredibly beautiful Patagonian mountains and glacier in the national park, thereby combining business with much pleasure!

Barton Rubenstein (Dorset) who has made large sculptures in welded aluminum, stainless steel and other metals his signature art form, gives news of a new commission at the Rio Washingtonian Center in Maryland. The two-element 7.5' high bronze water sculpture will be sited in a fountain space in front of the popular Copper Canyon Restaurant. The sculpture will have cascading sheets of water flowing off its top edges.



Left to right: Ella Weil and Cinzia Furlanetto

Finally, a glimpse into the changing history of our community as seen through the lens of one house and its occupants on Dorset Avenue. **Ella Weil** moved into a house on Dorset with her parents in 1996 when she was three years old. There she grew up until the family moved into a bigger house in Essex Avenue in the spring of 2005, when she was twelve. As a twelve year old with her precious memories of the former house, she decided to write a letter to the new owners . . . they had to know *this was Ella's house!* Advance the clock to the summer of 2014: **Cinzia Furlanetto** (Dorset), the new owner, sees something white stuck inside the vent of one of the rooms on the main floor. She pulls it out. It is an envelope containing the letter from Ella, and she decides to track down Ella and give her back the letter! April 2016: Ella comes to the house, and she and Cinzia read the letter together. Ella recalls the many outdoor parties she and her sister enjoyed, and her memories of the wonderful space her parents made where the children could grow.

Today Cinzia and her husband, **Daniel Alkon**, enjoy the good energy that family created. The picture shows Cinzia and Ella enjoying coffee on the house's porch.

I'm sure many homes in Somerset have similar histories – including our own, but not many have such a record of those previous occupants!

One final note from neighbor **Sue Edson** (Little Surrey): *Memorial Day weekend marked 50 years since Sue and Chuck Edson and three kids, six and under, moved to Somerset from St. Louis (Chuck was helping set up the new Legal Services Program at OEO) . . . we first rented on Cumberland, bought on Uppingham for over 14 years and have been on Surrey for 35 years . . . we are thrilled to say that Rick, Nancy and Meg have all settled within 3 miles of Somerset . . . grandson Jake is coming back from California to attend GWU Law School so our only out of townner will be granddaughter Kyra who attends NYU Medical School.*



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 June 6, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 6, 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 Zeughauser, Franny Peale, Dudley Fowlkes, Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** Approval of the May 2, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.

NON-CONSENT

1. **Discussion:** Town Manager's May Financial Report – 7:40 p.m.
2. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit application submitted by Jamie and Debbie Heller, 4803 Falstone Avenue. The applicants are requesting permits to construct a screened in porch and wall in the rear of the property – 7:45 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit application submitted by Chris Borek and Irene Cortese, 4823 Cumberland Avenue, to install an emergency generator in the rear yard. A permit granted will be contingent upon the unit meeting the required noise level requirements – 7:50 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the removal of the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist – 7:55 p.m.

4701 Falstone Avenue, Ash 30" dbh Tree #363

4701 Falstone Avenue on Warwick Place, Zelkova 2" dbh Tree #760-2

4710 Falstone Avenue, Flowering Cherry 18" dbh Tree #374

4811 Falstone Avenue, Ash 16" dbh Tree #399

5804 Surrey Street, Scarlet Oak 2" dbh no number

5406 Trent Street, Kwanzan Flowering Cherry 19" no number

5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a permit request submitted by the WSSC to complete a pipe rehabilitation project in Town parkland adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue – 8:00 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the Mayor's nomination of Richard Charnovich as Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager for FY17 as per the Town Charter – 8:25 p.m.
7. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 8:30 p.m.
8. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 8:35 p.m.
9. **Adjourn:** – 8:40 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.