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## Save the Date:

### Discussion on New Town Hall Exhibit on Somerset's History Set for January 12

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member, Trent Street



On **Thursday, January 12**, at **7:30 p.m.**, please join our Town Historian, **Donna Harman** (Dorset), for a discussion of the history of the homes in Somerset as well as the families that had the foresight to live here.

Over the years, Donna has gathered a collection of photographs, newspaper clippings and maps that are now on display at the Town Hall. Since the Town is celebrating its **110th anniversary**, it's a perfect time for old and new residents to learn more about the history of our Town, and possibly share the history of their own home! We hope many residents will attend!



### Presentation on New County Lawn Care Law at Town Hall on January 29

By Robin Barr, Chair, Environmental Committee, Essex Avenue

Many of us in Somerset have concerns about how some landscapers have been known to

apply pesticides to treat lawns for weeds. These treatments require warnings to be posted about contact with the surfaces and leave us wondering about how young children or even pets might be able to heed these warnings. A larger problem is that some of the pesticides and fertilizers are washed off the lawns and carried downstream where they do unintended harm to wildlife.

Montgomery County recently passed a "Lawn Care Law" to address the problem and which will take effect on January 1, 2018. Among its provisions it states that only certain substances may be used to treat lawns to manage pests and weeds (subject to exceptions); establishes improved warnings when pesticides are applied either by homeowners or by landscapers; requires an extensive public outreach and education campaign on pesticide use and the law; bans neocotinoid pesticides in the County; and requires the Parks system to

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## Calendar

### Thursday, January 12

Discussion of New Exhibit on the History of Somerset Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, January 29

Presentation on New Maryland Lawn Care Law Town Hall, 4:00 p.m.

### Monday, January 30

MVA Mobile Office at Friendship Heights 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com) and click on Town Calendar.



## On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

### History Lessons

Recalling the “AHA” moment I had in college when I decided to switch away from being a math major, I remain fascinated with history in all its facets and the power it has to guide successful decisionmaking. As Somerset concludes its 110th year as a municipality, I continue to want to find ways to get our residents more interested and involved in this subject.

I have been preaching lately about ramping up our Town History Committee, doing a better job at collecting and archiving our documents and artifacts, and developing events and programs on this topic. I also want to remind everyone to stop by Town Hall this month to view the wonderful exhibit on Somerset’s past.

Additionally I want all to be aware of the many outstanding resources around us that can lend assistance on devising collaborative projects in the future. For example, the Chevy Chase Historical Society is in our neighborhood (go to [chevychasehistory.org](http://chevychasehistory.org)) and can provide us a wealth of information and opportunities. Located not far is the Montgomery County Historical Society (go to [montgomeryhistory.org](http://montgomeryhistory.org)) which has even more programs and services. We have a lot to explore.

I also want to highly recommend my dear friend journalist Steve Roberts’s fascinating new book *Bethesda and Chevy Chase* (Arcadia Publishing) which details many stories and anecdotes that will enhance your appreciation of the special place where we reside. He gave a public presentation recently that you can access online. It should stir your interest.

So this is my initial Call to Action for 2017. Let’s work together to bring added dimensions to our lives through knowing more about our history and how it can help guide decisions about our future.



## General Permits



### Wall Permit

5810 Warwick Place, to repair the retaining wall adjacent to the main entrance to the house

### Dumpster Permit

5506 Greystone Street

### Fence Permit

4811 Falstone Avenue, to install fencing in the rear yard, right side yard and left side yard

### Tree Removal Permit

4910 Cumberland Avenue, 1 Hickory tree

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implement a “pesticide free” parks program. The County’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided extensive information about the new law on its website at <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law.html>

The Town’s Environmental Committee and Parks and Natural Resources Committee have arranged a **presentation on the new law for Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall**. Stan Edwards who is Chief of the County DEP’s Division of Policy and Compliance will be the featured speaker. We are also inviting representatives from two of the landscaping companies who care for a lot of properties in the Town. We hope to hear about how the landscapers will respond to the new law and what services they will offer to homeowners that manage lawns sustainably with minimal to no use of pesticides.

We hope that you can shake off the winter chills long enough to come to the Town Hall as you begin to think about the coming spring – and how that grass will grow!

## Nearby Development Plans

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street



During December, conversations about the recently approved new Westbard Plan continued. Equity One has submitted a revised sketch plan for the property it owns and

the Montgomery County Planning Department staff is reviewing the revised plan. It expects to have a staff report available online around January 20th. The Planning Board has scheduled a session to discuss the staff report on February 2nd. The timeline is delayed because the Planning Department staff raised questions when it reviewed the original sketch plan. One issue of concern has been the naturalization of the Willett Branch because this was supposed to be a major public amenity in the Westbard Sector Plan, but Equity One’s original sketch plan did not make any proposals to support this. The plan recognizes that the Willett Branch is in an urban area but it could be naturalized by removing many sections of the concrete-lined channel and creating an attractive and accessible green space that improves the stream’s ecology and connects this green space with other green areas in the plan.

The Downtown Bethesda Sector Plan has not yet been approved by the Montgomery County Council. It is currently being considered by the Council’s Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. The PHED Committee has scheduled two work sessions, January 23 and February 13. Although Somerset has been less involved with the Downtown Bethesda Plan, Somerset council members have attended some meetings sponsored by the Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR) because we believe that if development in Downtown Bethesda is too dense, our schools will become overcrowded and traffic, especially on Wisconsin Avenue, will be

significantly worse. We have sent a letter to the County Council indicating these concerns. We will continue to work with CBAR to shape the Downtown Bethesda Sector Plan. Information about what has been approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board can be found on the Planning Department website at <http://Montgomeryplanningboard.org>.

Finally, a storage facility may be in the works for one of the lots behind McDonald’s. As of mid-December, a formal proposal had not been presented.

## Council Resolution



Marnie Shaul reading Council resolution honoring recently retired Town Attorney Norman Knopf at December Council meeting





## Happy New Year to All Somerset Residents!

### Christmas Tree Pickup

Unity Disposal will have a Christmas tree pickup on **Tuesday, January 10, 2016.**

Please have your tree out before 7:00 a.m. that morning. If you happen to miss this

day, Unity will also pick up Christmas trees during normal refuse service on Tuesday mornings. Please make sure the trimmings from the tree are removed before placing your trees on the curb.

## Winter Season Reminders

### Snow Removal

Mulheron Tree Experts will again be the Town's contractor for snow removal. Regarding sidewalk cleaning, please be advised that the Town Code now authorizes our contractor to maintain the public sidewalks in the community whatever the level of snow. If individual property owners would still like to assist with the clearing of the sidewalk adjacent to their property, please feel free to do so. This would ultimately help the complete snow removal process.



### Snow Plows

Please be mindful of the plows that clear our roads by doing your best to keep cars parked in driveways as opposed to on the

streets. This enables the plows to do a better job.

### Odd Jobs Helpers

Finally, please keep in the mind the "odd jobs" list of available Town resident/helpers that can be distributed to Town residents upon request. If you are interested in hiring someone for snow shoveling or maintenance around your property during the winter months, take a look at this list. You can also view the list by logging into the new Town website with your unique username and password.

### Batting Cage

The batting cage located at the Town Hall is going to be closed from December through February. The cage will open again in early March.

### Sled Hill Rules on Cumberland

- Sledgers – sled at your own risk! The Town of Somerset

does not monitor the sledding hill. It is the responsibility of parents to supervise children.

- Motorists – Drive Carefully! Children Sledding!
- Be courteous to those who live on Cumberland.
- Respect parked cars and private property.
- Vehicles: Enter from top of hill and depart downhill. Vehicles are not permitted to travel up Cumberland from Devon Lane.
- Residents who park on Cumberland should strongly consider parking cars in their driveways if sledding is occurring.
- The Town Ordinance was amended last winter with respect to how long the hill will remain unplowed. **The hill will now only be kept in place for 24 hours after a substantial snowfall. After this time period, the contractor will plow and salt the roadway.**

## Temporary Signs in the Right of Way and Private Property

Please keep in mind that commercial signs are not permitted to be placed in the Town Right of Way. To place temporary signs on your private property, a permit is required from Montgomery County. Here is a web link where you can find the Montgomery County regulations on limited duration sign permits:

<http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/building/LimitedDurationSignPermit.aspx#>



## Stop Signs in the Community

I am periodically contacted by residents informing me that they notice motorists not stopping at stop signs in the community. It is essential we make every effort to obey traffic sign laws and speed limits. This is especially essential during times when kids are walking to and home from school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Updating Email Addresses

One of the New Year Resolutions of the Town Hall staff is to make sure we have the email addresses for as many of our residents here in Somerset as possible. We find it an important way for us to communicate with those living here. If you want to provide the Town Hall with your email address or update your email address, please email us at [town@townofsomerset.com](mailto:town@townofsomerset.com). Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

# Somerset Residents Support Community Service Day

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street, on behalf of the Town Council



Thanks to the many Somerset residents who made sandwiches for the homeless . . .



Town Manager, Rich Charnovich with children and their parents at the Community Service Day

(Photos are in color in the online Journal)

On Saturday December 3, the Somerset Town Hall was a lively site for children and their parents who gathered to make 400 ham, turkey and cheese sandwiches for the homeless men housed at the Montgomery County Shelter on Gude Drive. Council Members **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) and I assisted by setting up the tables for the mass production. Council Member **Franny Peale** (Uppingham) also made sandwiches and led some of the children in making toys for homeless pets living at the Montgomery County Humane Society. Special thanks to Council Member **Barbara Condos** (Falstone) and Staff Assistant Nicole Ventura who purchased all the ingredients for the sandwiches. Special thanks, too, to Town Manager **Rich Charnovich** who donated his Saturday to make sure that the event ran smoothly. Mayor **Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) congratulated residents for their community spirit and for making Montgomery County a better place to live for all its residents.

Residents who participated in Community Service Day were treated to the first day of a Somerset history show, mounted to celebrate **Somerset's 110th birthday** (see Save the Date Journal article on the show). Thanks to **Donna Harmon** (Dorset), who preserved the photos, and to Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** who worked with Donna on hanging the show.





## Thanks to Woodland Warriors!

By Patty Friedman, Chair, Parks and Natural Resources Committee, Grantham Avenue

I want to thank my helpful handful of woodland stewards who “freed the trees” from English Ivy and Porcelain Berry for several hours on Community Service Day. It was a beautiful, though crisp, morning to be out in the woods! This was an adjunct to Somerset’s December 3rd Community Service Day. Our volunteers included: **Will and Cameron Edick** (Warwick), Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham), **Paige Whitley** (Cumberland), **Lauren Rubenstein** (Surrey), **Blair Levin** (Grantham) and myself. Thanks so much, and we will plan to do this again in late winter before the poison ivy emerges.





## Join Us for *Move More Montgomery*

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street

On behalf of **Diane Horn** (Surrey), the Somerset Wellness Committee, and the Town Council, I'd like to invite you to join us in getting physically active in the new year. Montgomery County is again sponsoring a **100 Mile Challenge** and this year is highlighting a group challenge. Last year, **Mayor Slavin** (Warwick) and I and our dogs, Molly and Lady, participated as individuals and this year we are forming a Somerset Team. It's easy to register and the cost is minimal—individuals are \$15, seniors (over 55) are \$5, youth (under 18) are \$5, and dogs are \$5. Just go to the website [www.activemontgomery.org](http://www.activemontgomery.org) and the **activity number is 26595**. We are calling ourselves the "Somerset Steppers" and are registering as a community group (not Montgomery County Government) so when you sign up be sure and register as a group with our name.

The challenge starts January 26, 2017 and ends May 5, 2017 and you can register now. The program is self-reporting and any 20 minutes of continuous physical activity counts as a mile so you can choose when and what you do—it couldn't be easier to have your activities count. The website for the program has daily log sheets you can download for you and your dog. During the challenge, there are weekly prize drawings but the benefit is how good you'll feel for being active. We hope you'll join the "Somerset Steppers" and rise to the challenge.



# Council Meeting Actions

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

1. Approval of the September 6, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the November 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval to change the date of the July 2017 Council Meeting to July 5, 2017 due to the July 4 holiday.
4. Approval to change the date of the September 2017 Council Meeting to September 5, 2017 due to the Labor Day holiday.
5. Approval of a permit to replace a HVAC unit at 5604 Surrey Street.
6. Approval to appoint Council Vice President Marnie Shaul to the Montgomery Municipal Cable TV Board.
7. Approval of the FY16 Audit as recommended by the Audit Committee.
8. Adoption of a Resolution recognizing Norman Knopf for his many years of dedicated service as Town Attorney for the Town of Somerset.
9. Approval to set the 2017 Town of Somerset election date for March 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.
10. Approval of a building permit application at 4900 Falstone Avenue to construct a shed in the rear yard.
11. Approval of a site plan amendment for the project occurring at 4823 Cumberland Avenue to slightly modify the driveway apron and driveway design. Revised plan can be obtained in the Town Hall.
12. Approval of a recommendation of the Town Council acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission on an application submitted for 5808 Warwick Place. The applicants are proposing to repair the existing retaining wall on the property line between 5808 Warwick Place and 5810 Warwick Place.
13. Mayor Slavin presented his monthly report. Town Manager Charnovich presented the November Financial Report. The Audit Committee held its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Ed Mulheron, Mulheron Tree Experts, was in attendance to provide an update on winter season preparedness. A brief discussion was held concerning the General Code Project and the next date (s) for workshop meetings to be held.





By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Thanks to the scores of residents who have once again contributed to our holiday fund so that we can remember our loyal and hard-working employees for their dedicated labors in 2016. The services the staff provides truly make our lives better and our surroundings so appealing. The Council and I are extremely appreciative of Somerset's generosity to these vital individuals.

The Somerset Community Service Day was successful this month. On a recent weekend, many residents showed up at Town Hall to make over 400 sandwiches for the homeless men sheltered at the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless on East Gude Drive in the Upcounty. It especially warmed my heart to see so many of our young people enthusiastically participating. We also made toys for the pets that have been sheltered by the County Humane Society, which is appropriate for a municipality like ours that so highly values its furry friends. In addition, we have collected toys, canned food and clothing which will be given to several Montgomery County nonprofits that assist needy families.

Each year at this time I like to ask residents whether our U.S. mail service has been satisfactory for the last twelve months—especially because in the recent past we have received a number of complaints and requested and received Congressional help. Accordingly, I would like to encourage anyone with a concern about the mail in general or with a specific problem to write to me or the Town Manager now so that we can bring such issues forward to our new Congressman-elect Jamie Raskin who will be taking office early next month.

With the end of the Presidential election and the enactment by voters of term limits in Montgomery County, the next campaigns for the 2018 cycle are already being formulated and candidates for State and County office will begin to appear everywhere soon. As our Town residents are so active in such efforts I would like to encourage everyone to get started early—and even consider being candidates themselves! Given that after the next election there will be a new County Executive and a new County Councilmember for District 1, there is a lot at stake for us. It is important for us all to stay informed and one of the best ways of doing this is through the free daily news service of Montgomery Community Media. I urge you to go to [MyMCMedia.org](http://MyMCMedia.org) for more information on how to subscribe.

***Be Grateful for All Your Blessings and the Wonderful Reunions You Will Have at this Time of Year. I Wish Everyone Great Happiness in 2017.***

❄️ Happy Holidays ❄️



From The Mayor's Desk



# All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

I hope all my fellow members of the Somerset Community had a wonderful festive season with family and friends and are now looking down the year ahead, and of course contemplating what it holds for all of us!

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## Best Wishes

for 2017!

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Right now, for my family and me, it seems a little remote, as we are visiting South Africa and living in a Game Park called Zebula, so I will be unable to pen the February column. I hope this will mean a bumper crop of news for the March column (hint)!

I am thinking that many of our younger residents must be looking forward to their graduations in the next few months, but here is news of someone who has arrived at that rite of passage. **Katie Shea**, daughter of **Barbara Shea** (Surrey), is home until the middle of this month, at which time she will leave for Seattle to start a new job with Microsoft! Katie obtained her master's degree in computer

science from the Imperial College of London in September, and will be returning to London in May to participate in graduation services. She is enjoying “hanging out” in Somerset, and would love friends and neighbors from high school and college to stop by and say hi before she leaves. On our part, heartiest congratulations Katie on your academic achievement and employment!

Here is an advance notice from some of the artists living in Somerset: Somerset Artists will be having a show at the Waverley Street Gallery in March. Somerset artists participating include: **Cathy Abramson** (Uppingham), **Dick Lasner** (formerly on Essex), **Len Harris** (Trent), **Ginny Mahoney** (Cumberland), **Carol Jason** (Warwick), **Makarand Dehejia** (Surrey), **Judy Baldinger** (Warwick), and **Joan Krash** (Essex). The opening reception will be on March 10 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Gallery. The show will run from March 7th to April 8th, so mark your calendars. I am sure it will be well worth a visit!

For those of you who follow the fortunes of soccer in the U.S., here is exciting news of two young members of our community who are on their way up and likely to make a major impact on the future of the game. **Giovanni Nicolacci** (Dorset) writes that their 8-year old twins, **Marco** and **Luca**, who are currently at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, have been playing soccer for the last two years. In that period, they have played in 34 official games in three different competitions, playing against 10-11 year-olds; the team has won 32 games, tied one, and lost one! An impressive record, but for the twins it gets better. For the past two summers, they have been participating in the Barcelona Soccer Club Summer Camp, held in the Germantown Soccer Plex. The Soccer Camp is held in ten different countries throughout the world, and a total of 48 out of 5,000 U.S. kids were selected by the Camp to take part in an international tournament during the week of April 6th in Barcelona. Of the 5,000 U.S. young players who participated in the Camp, 1,250 were in the age group 6-8, and from this group 12 were selected. Marco and Luca both made it into that group of twelve! They will play and train in the Barcelona Soccer Club, recognized as the home of one of the best teams in the game. During their time in Barcelona, the twins will be members of a team representing the U.S. and will be competing against teams from France, Spain, Italy, Australia and Japan. We will follow their progress with much interest, and rely on their proud father to give us regular updates for future editions of this column. Congratulations to Marco and Luca!



Best Wishes for 2017



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If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, give us a ring. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help. Call **Zola Schneider** at 301-654-7481 or Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560 and we will set it up.



# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Tuesday, January 3, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website: [www.townofsomerset.com](http://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:** To consider approval of the December 5, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.

### NON-CONSENT

2. **Discussion:** Town Manager's December Financial Report – 7:35 p.m.
3. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit application submitted by John and Vanessa Beckman, 4816 Dorset Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following permits: demolition, building (addition), retaining wall and dumpster permits – 7:40 p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a building permit extension for the project currently occurring at 4807 Dorset Avenue. The applicants are requesting an extension until February 28, 2017 to complete the project – 7:50 p.m.
5. **Discussion:** Pool Bridge Capital Improvement Update for FY17 by Town Manager – 7:55 p.m.
6. **Discussion:** General Code Project Update – 8:00 p.m.
7. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 8:05 p.m.
8. **Adjourn:** – 8:10 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.

The Mayor and Town Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1)(7) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.