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Somerset Now Has Its Own “Little Free Library”

By Cinzia Furlanetto, Dorset Avenue

Somerset recently acquired its very own Little Free Library. This free neighborhood library provides for the exchange of books from neighbor to neighbor. According to its website (www.LittleFreeLibrary.org) the Little Free Library is a non-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the



Cinzia Furlanetto and Free Little Library

world. On June 11, **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) cut the ribbon and the library officially opened its *wee little* door to the adults, youth, and kids of Somerset. **Marta Wosinska** and **Daniel Butts** generously offered to have the little structure positioned near their home at 5803 Warwick Place, just down the block from Somerset Elementary.

I started dreaming of a Little Free Library (LFL) last summer when I saw one of them in downtown D.C. near the Phillips Collection. The idea of having access to books through the concept of *Take a book, Leave a book* was so simple and at the same time so powerful. I then decided that I would try to figure out how to obtain one for the Town.

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Pool News

By Matt Zaft, Chair, Pool Committee, Dorset Avenue

At its June meeting, the Town Council approved two of the Pool Committee's recommendations:

1. Approval of a proposal to twice per month spray organically for mosquitoes at the Town Pool, at the rear green space area during the pool season, as recommended by Innovative Pest Management.
2. Exempt all full-time/contracted nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers from the non-resident guest fee provided they are attending with the resident they take care of.

Regarding the first recommendation, the organic mosquito and gnat treatment began on June 12th and will continue every two weeks into September. Regarding the second recommendation, while the Council approved this specific language, they also asked the Pool Committee to add some additional language that would exempt all, not only full-time/contracted, nannies,

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Calendar

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 4

Annual Celebration at the
Town Hall
See insert for details!

Tuesday, July 4

Kids' Tennis Round Robin
9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at tennis
courts

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

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

Somerset Reads

As I have mentioned on many occasions, one of the primary reasons I originally wanted to run for election to lead our mighty municipality almost a decade ago was so that *together*

we could find ways to strengthen our connections to one another. While we had always been blessed with resources, I thought it was important to better organize activities that could bring us together. With the help of a hard-working Council and so many interested residents, we have taken many steps over the years in working towards that goal.

A recent example of such an initiative was the donation of a “Free Little Library” to the Town by valued resident **Cinzia Furlanetto** (Dorset). This wonderful treasure is part of a network of over 50,000 little libraries all across the United States and in 70 countries. The organization (see their website at www.littlefreelibrary.org) was started a little more than five years ago and the creators have been overwhelmed with enormous interest and participation.

I had been skeptical about the viability of such a library in our Town because our residents already have access to an extraordinary Public Library system, numerous bookstores nearby, and regular used book sales at a variety of schools. However, Cinzia’s great enthusiasm and commitment to this type of book exchange convinced me that it would be a real plus for us so I then eagerly embraced the idea. I am confident that we can now find enough volunteers to monitor and maintain the library.

Please stop by this adorable structure on Warwick Place next to the school. Many thanks to the **Daniel Butts and Marta Wosinska** (Warwick) family for offering to house the library close to their own home. In this little library, you will find books of interest to everyone in your household. Please take a book and remember to bring a book of your own to donate.

So please visit our little library on a regular basis and when you have time, volunteer for one of the upcoming weeks when you can provide the necessary support. I am excited about taking a turn at this in September.



Mayor Slavin cuts the ribbon on the new little free library

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Now that we have our own LFL, neighborhood volunteers are needed to take care of the library and periodically check the books inside to make sure they are in good condition, appropriate, and numerous enough. Volunteers can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44abab9-little> and choose to be in charge for one or more weeks at a time. Interested volunteers could also contact me directly at cinziafurlanetto@mac.com with their availability. However, since the library belongs to all of us, everyone is welcome to check the status of the library and take care of it at any time.

A Little Free Library belongs to everyone, and the books are always free. However, books should always be in good condition when deposited inside the library. People can return the same book or a different book. In either case, they should share a book that they would recommend to their children or friends. They may also leave a note inside the book. We have a personalized Somerset book stamp to use for stamping all our Library books. Who knows...we may be able to find books from our Somerset Library in Italy during the summer!

There are more than 50,000 LFLs in the world and they are all registered with their own address on a world map; check it out and you will find ours! See <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>



Pool News from page 1

au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers. We discussed this request when the Pool Committee held its third meeting of the year on Monday, June 12. As a result, the Pool Committee has developed the following three recommendations for consideration by the Town Council:

- From the previously approved exemption remove the words, “full-time/contracted” and add additional language so that it would read: *“Exempt all nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers from the non-resident guest fee provided they are attending with the resident they take care of. It is the resident’s responsibility to ensure that said nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers are familiar with and understand the rules of the pool. The nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers are expected to supervise in accordance with rules IV.1.c. and IV.3.b.”* Rule IV.1.c in summary states that adults supervising children age 4 and older must either be in the water with the child or sitting poolside within a few feet of the child. Rule IV.3.b in summary states that children age 3 and younger must be constantly supervised by an adult at all times and when the child is in the water the adult must also be in the water within an arms-length at all times. This was approved unanimously by the committee after confirming with pool management that they would be able to administer it easily. It is our hope that residents will understand that the

exemption is for the safety and benefit of all and not try to take advantage of/abuse the policy.

- We all know how popular Four Square is and has been at the pool. In an effort to maintain the game in a safe manner while still abiding by the pool rules, we recommend the purchase of a Dry Dek Four Square Court as proposed by Community Pools. We recommend this be placed in the large grassy area safely away from the pool deck but not interfering with the existing Corn Hole game and newly purchased soccer goals and balls. Dry Dek can both weather the elements as well as not be damaged by chlorine. Additionally, it could be moved and or removed at any time.
- Some of you have noticed that the pool is not as clean as it has been in years past. This is due to the fact that the pool vacuum is broken. Therefore, we recommended the purchase of a new automatic pool cleaner/vacuum as proposed by Community Pools. We also recommend that this vacuum be known as *The Dolphin!*

We hope the Town Council will approve these recommendations at their July meeting. In the meantime, feel free to contact me at matthew.zaft@ms.com with any questions.



July 4 Celebration at Town Hall

The Town of Somerset's annual Independence Day celebration will occur this year on **Tuesday, July 4, starting at 12 noon**. Please look for the flier in this month's Journal with details on the event. We are seeking volunteers to help us with the planning/set-up on the 4th. As always,

we greatly appreciate your assistance!



Calling All Somerset Graduates!

As part of the annual July 4th celebration, we will recognize all of the 2017 Somerset graduates at all levels of schooling. Please email me at manager@townofsomerset.com and provide me

with the following:

1. Full name of graduate
2. Street Address
3. School graduated from
4. Post graduation next steps

WSSC Project Status in Town Parkland

Work began during the week of June 19th on a WSSC project in Town parkland that has been in the planning stages for several years. Access to the project is off of Wisconsin Avenue

in the vicinity of Dorset Avenue. Please follow future email notices and Town Journal articles as this infrastructure project progresses.

Tennis Court Rules Reminder

If you are a yearly tennis cardholder, please take a moment to refresh your memory about tennis rules. Two important rules to keep in mind are:

1. It is required that you post your tennis card in the slot on the gate when you are playing.
2. The key code to the courts is not permitted to be distributed to anyone outside of Somerset who is not a resident tennis cardholder.

Thank you for following tennis court rules!



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 section. Alternatively, the Town Code in its entirety can be located on the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.com.

Kids-Only Tennis Round Robin on July 4

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place

Kids – there still may be time to sign up for Somerset's first-ever Kids-Only Tennis Round Robin at the Somerset Tennis Courts. It will be held Tuesday, July 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (prior to the July Fourth Town celebration). There will be drinks, snacks and prizes for all. We'll try to pair you with opponents of your age and experience level. Guests are okay but registration is limited to 12 players, so Somerset residents get first dibs. To register, please contact me at 301-656-8753 or frank@frankjoseph.com. Be sure to state your age, gender and ability level, and include a phone number. And mark your calendar for the Fall Round Robin. It's Sunday afternoon, October 1, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Council to Consider Conversion to LED Street Lights

By Marnie Shaul, Council Vice President, Uppingham Street

Somerset has been discussing the conversion from our current mercury vapor street lights to more energy-efficient lights for years, and will consider a resolution supporting conversion at the July Council meeting. Since we first talked about converting to more efficient bulbs and Pepco installed a set of LED lights as a pilot on Dorset Avenue near Little Falls Parkway, the environment for doing the conversion has improved. In the past it was difficult to agree on a price for replacing the lamps, which Pepco owns and has placed on its poles. Now, Pepco has LED lights among its options and has a new financing program to help municipalities pay for them over time.

Because Somerset has a very small staff, we have been monitoring the actions of the City of Takoma Park to see if it developed a model we could follow. This past year, the Takoma Park Council considered options for replacing its old lights with LED lights. Among the three options were: 1) converting through Pepco, 2) doing the project and owning their own lights including setting up a required call center, and 3) hiring a third party to manage the conversion and oversee the system. Takoma Park decided the most affordable option was to work with Pepco and have Pepco purchase and install the lamps and build the cost of the new fixtures into their current monthly Pepco bills.

At the July Council Meeting, the Town Council will be discussing purchasing and financing LED lights through Pepco. If we decide to do this, we will need to pass a resolution indicating that choice. The next step with Pepco would be to request an account manager to work with us on cost estimates and financing costs. At a future Council meeting, the Council will consider a contract with a consultant who can assess the adequacy of our current lighting and suggest what LED lamps would be appropriate to provide better lighting on our streets and sidewalks. This could include adding lamps to poles which currently do not have lamps and possibly even adding a few additional poles.

Adequate lighting involves balancing the desire for safety on our streets and sidewalks with a desire for “dark skies.” Upgrading our lighting will take time so residents can participate in the discussion about what choices will be best for our Town.

Proposed Renovation of Second Floor of the Town Hall

By Barbara Zeughauser, Council Member, Trent Street

At its June 5, 2017 meeting, the Council discussed a concept plan, submitted by Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects, to renovate the second floor of the Town Hall. The Council has been discussing a possible renovation of this space since January, and this year’s budget allocated funds for this purpose.

The Town Hall holds quite a bit of history for Somerset, but the second floor of the building has been neglected for more than 20 years, and is not usable for public or Council use. The second floor is not heated or air conditioned, and recently pipes on the second floor burst because of the lack of temperature control. This has created maintenance issues for the first floor. In addition, there is some concern that the second floor is at risk of collapsing, as the beams and floor may not be strong enough to hold the many Town files stored there.

The Balodemas Architects’ concept plan for the second floor includes a renovated staircase, new windows, power and lighting upgrades, an HVAC system, fire alarm system, carpet, insulation, renovated bathroom, creation of a file room, as well as a new meeting room for Council, committees, or residents. The total recommended bid for the second floor project is \$242,726. In addition, some exterior maintenance work is necessary to make the building weather tight, including painting, caulking and replacement of some of the wood siding. The extent and cost of this work is not known yet. At the July Council meeting, Lou Balodemas will present his recommendations concerning the exterior of the Town Hall.

The Council is interested in hearing from our community. Please email your thoughts to the Council at: council@townofsomerset.com and town@townofsomerset.com.

General Permits



Driveway Apron Permit

5504 Uppingham Street

Tree Removal Permit

5602 Warwick Place

1 dead sugar maple

5816 Surrey Street

2 leyland cypresses

4902 Falstone Avenue

1 pin oak

4801 Falstone Avenue

1 mulberry

Fence Permit

4806 Falstone Avenue, fence in the rear yard



From The Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

It is unfortunate that a plumbing emergency caused the cancellation of the annual Pool Kickoff Party this year, but we are all looking forward to the Independence Day celebration on July 4 where we will in particular honor the various accomplishments of Somerset's younger citizens over the past year. I am also pleased that so many of you have volunteered to help with this event.

While our Town Code allows us to work in our yards—and use equipment that could potentially bother neighbors—on Sundays, as long as it's after 9:00 a.m., I would like to encourage all residents to observe a day of rest and avoid scheduling landscapers or to do the work ourselves on Sunday mornings. I have gotten some complaints of late about the use of lawn mowers and tree trimmers on Sundays when many of us like to enjoy quiet time. Thanks for your cooperation if possible.

In my continuing hopes of creating more Somerset spirit, I want to again encourage all of our residents, especially those without children, to attend meets for our municipal swim team. Please go immediately to the website and learn about all the opportunities. You can also purchase some beautiful “swag” to wear around the DMV.

Late this month, Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul** (Uppingham) and I, along with Town Manager **Rich Charnovich**, will once again travel to Ocean City to represent our hamlet at the annual Maryland Municipal League Conference. (Note the name change from “Convention.”) The opportunities to learn best practices, network, and obtain information on the latest goods and services in the municipal world are immeasurable and one of the highlights of my year. I am proud to say that this will be my 15th convention since being elected. This time I am particularly excited to participate since I am currently serving as MML Conference Committee Chair. In the parade of flags at the Opening Session, I will again look forward to the announcer calling out our fantastic town motto: “Where People and Trees Have Deep Roots and Grow Strong,” authored by **David Sacks** (Trent). It is so rewarding to have a motto that pays honor to our beloved trees and to our wonderful friendships. Let's all try to use this motto where appropriate throughout the year.

Happy end of school year to our students and a belated Happy Father's Day!



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, or **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 and we will set it up.



Somerset neighbors gather at Free Little Library event.



JULY

Somerset Kids Have Their Say

2017

We have recently begun to solicit and publish occasional pieces written by and for kids. All children living in Somerset are welcome to contribute. Just send your article and any photos or drawings by the 15th of the month to the Journal editors: Barbara Marenus at bmarenus@gmail.com and Mary Wisniewski at mary.p.wisniewski@gmail.com. Let your fellow Somerset residents know what's new in your world. We'd love to hear from you!

This month's Kids' Page reporters are **Rafael Alkon** (age 9) of Dorset Avenue and **Elise Wosinska** (age 6) of Warwick Place.

More Local Pet News...

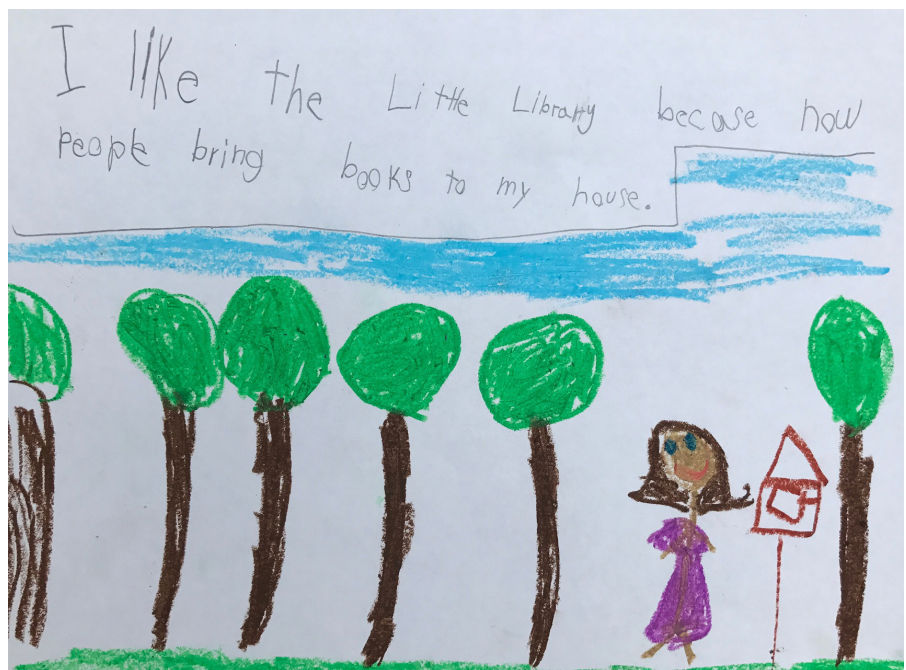
My name is Raphael. I live on Dorset Avenue.

I am here to say a little bit about my pets.

My dog Thea is from Spain. She is a water dog. My other dog Roo is from Ohio. He was a rescued dog from a puppy mill. Thea was also a rescued dog because she was abandoned in Granada when she was 8 months. My cat Blue is a female. She is an indoor cat. She is shy and doesn't like to get pet by people. So now that you know about my pets, I guess this is the end of my story.



Somerset's New Little Free Library...



Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on June 5, 2017. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of Sara Anderson to serve on the Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.
2. Approval of a recommendation of the Town Council, acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 4721 Essex Avenue. The applicants are proposing to: add a two story addition at the rear of the house, construct a one story garage at the rear of the house, rebuild the existing retaining wall and front walk, demolish the existing deck, shed, and tree house at the rear of the house, construct a fence around the garden, and remove several trees depending in the final plan submitted.
3. Approval of a recommendation of the Town Council, acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 5710 Surrey Street. The applicants are proposing to: demolish the existing rear sunroom, screened porch, and deck, construct a new 2 story addition entirely at the rear of the existing historic resource, and relocate the garage in the rear yard.
4. Approval of a building permit application at 4722 Dorset Avenue to construct an addition at the rear of the house.
5. Approval of a permit request submitted by WSSC to complete sewer lateral work near the following locations: Uppingham Street in the vicinity of 5511 Uppingham, and Trent Street in the vicinity of addresses 5508, 5509, and 5511.
6. Approval to remove the following Town Trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
 - Pin Oak, 28" dbh at Tree # 394 at 4714 Essex Avenue
 - Red Maple, 14" dbh Tree# 765 at 5609 Warwick Place
 - Red Oak, 26" dbh Tree# 422 at 4906 Falstone Avenue
 - Ash, 26" dbh Tree# 636 at 5419 Uppingham Street on Trent Street
 - Pin Oak 15" dbh Tree# 154 at 4514 Dorset Avenue
 - 2 small dogwoods at 5812 Warwick Place
7. Approval of a proposal to twice per month spray organically for mosquitoes at the Town Pool, at the rear green space area, during the pool season, as recommended by the Pool Committee.
8. Approval of an amendment to the Pool Rules, Section VIII, to exempt all full time/contracted nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers from the non-resident guest fee providing they are attending with the resident they take care of, as recommended by the Pool Committee.
9. Approval of a contract with Backyard Bounty to develop a conservation landscape plan near the Town parking lot and tennis courts as recommended by the Parks and Natural Resources Committee.
10. Approval of a proposal submitted by Lindsey and Associates to complete the FY17 audit.
11. Approval of a contract with Town Attorney Ron Bolt that will cover FY18, from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018.
12. Mayor Slavin and Town Manager Charnovich each provided their monthly reports. Next steps were discussed concerning the Town Code and Charter update project. A concept plan concerning proposed work on the second floor of the Town Hall was discussed with Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects. A copy of the current concept plan can be viewed in the Town Hall. A closed session was held at the end of the meeting with Town Attorney Ron Bolt to discuss Town right of ways/easements, responsibilities concerning public right of ways, and related legal issues. No action was taken on this topic following the closed session.



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Summer is in full swing after a dubious up and down start! Our Pool is open, people are playing tennis, trees are trimmed, and gardens are in glorious flower. Those who know me know I am not a fan of cold weather, so this is my season!

A little sad news about Scooter, the much-loved family dog of **Nat** and **Esther Finkelstein** (Surrey).

Nat Finkelstein writes that Scooter “had developed a very rapidly progressing cancer, and in less than two weeks we had to put him to rest.” Scooter was known by many of us in the community as a character who overcame many physical problems in his life. We’ll miss his ambles around the neighborhood!

Also missed will be Harpo, large woolly friend of **Barbara** and **Philip Levine** and family (Uppingham), also a friend of many sick children in his role as hospital visitor and comfort bringer. I will miss his constitutionals down Falstone Avenue.

This column would not be complete without news of new residents moving into the Somerset community. This month is no exception *except* that both new families lived in Somerset previously and are now returning. **Matt** and **Dabney Friedrich** used to live on Essex Avenue with their children **Taylor** (15) and **John** (11), and are now moving into a home on Uppingham Street.

Stephen and **Luba Marx** moved to Florida for about a year, and are now back home in the same house on Trent Street. Welcome back to both families!

While families move back, there is news of others moving away. **Florence Gang**, one of our resident nonagenarians, has lived on Falstone Avenue for around sixty years, and is moving to Rockville. Florence is a prolific artist, and has a large selection of paintings which she must reluctantly part with, her new accommodation being too small to house them. If you have a dark corner in a hallway or bedroom, and need an abstract painting to brighten up your house, take note of **Saturday, July 15** when Florence will be selling works on paper, canvas, and painted plastic torsos from her lower level gallery at **4901 Falstone Avenue from 3 to 6 p.m.** I understand prices are set to move the art work!

My June column contained news of graduations at all levels as the academic year closed. Graduation news from the **Khannas** (Falstone) did not reach me in time for that column, so I include it here. **Rohit Khanna** writes “our older daughter, **Caroline**, graduated from Swarthmore College in May. She is working at the National Institutes of Health on a Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellowship. Our younger daughter,

Jessica, graduated from BCC and will be attending Hamilton College in the fall.” Congratulations to the family on their daughters’ next steps in their careers.

Writing about colleges reminds me that I have a correction to make to my June column. **Tali Levine’s** son, **Yoni**, (Falstone) will be attending St. Mary’s College of Maryland and not the University of Maryland, to study mathematics this fall. My apologies for the error, Tali! (Just in case you get the impression that this column is mostly about Falstone Avenue, I usually have news from all over Town!)

News which will certainly delight all book lovers in Town is the establishment of a Little Free Library at 5803 Warwick Place. For those of you who would like to learn more about this rapidly growing institution, check out www.littlefreelibrary.org. As of November 2016, there were 50,000 registered Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and 70 countries worldwide! Many thanks to **Cinzia Furlanetto** (Dorset) for being the prime mover in arranging for Somerset to acquire its own Little Free Library. Thanks also to **Marta Wosinska** and **Daniel Butts** and their children, **Sebastian** and **Elise**, (Warwick) for allowing the structure to be housed on their property. The library ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 11, and was attended by **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick) and many neighbors eager to welcome this new little house to the neighborhood! Please see Cinzia’s article about the library in this edition of the Journal.



l.to r., Marta Wosinska with children Sebastian and Elise, and husband Daniel Butts. Also Cinzia Furlanetto with son Rafael.

In a previous column, I floated the concept of lighting for the tennis courts as a subject for discussion. Here is another possible discussion topic. We all appreciate the wonderful

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colony of birds we have in Somerset, largely a result of our wonderful trees. But did you know that free-ranging domestic cats in the U.S. kill 1.3–4.0 billion birds and 6.3–22.3 billion mammals annually? (Estimate from a paper published by Loss, Will and Mara in “Nature Communications,” January 2013) The authors go on to say that the major part of this predation is done by ‘wild’ cats, but even a minor role for the domestic cat is significant. How about slipping on your cat a collar with a small bell attached, before allowing it out for a prowling?

Finally, a small somewhat quizzical gripe. After discussions with our immediate neighbor, we decided the old mulberry tree on our mutual boundary had to go. I canvassed all my immediate neighbors, filed the requisite Somerset forms, had a visit from the Town Arborist who approved the decision, and received an email from the Town Office giving me the green light for the tree to be removed. The tree was removed



Performance at 2nd opening of the Somerset 5th Grade Art Show on May 23. Musician is Ari Rubenstein and vocalist is Jonathan Diesenhaus.

by my chosen contractor, and while the cleanup process was underway, I received a visit from a Police Officer enquiring if I had a license to remove the tree. Apparently, a neighbor had called the police suggesting that an illegal tree removal was under way! Commendable as this oversight might be, would it not have been better to call the Town Office, or me?



Classified Ads



BOZEMAN, MONTANA: Ski Big Sky & the Bridgers! Enjoy our furnished four-bedroom+ home on 20 acres with spectacular 360-degree vistas. Only 10 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.

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Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Wednesday, July 5, 2017

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 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*

CONSENT

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| 1. Motion: To consider approval of the May 1, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. | 2. Motion: To consider approval of the June 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. |
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NON-CONSENT

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| <p>3. Discussion: Town Manager's June Financial Report– 7:35 p.m.</p> <p>4. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a plan amendment submitted for 4818 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are proposing to replace the shed dormer in the roof of the rear living room with a gable style roof with two windows, and reforest the site with additional trees by amending the landscape plan –7:40 p.m.</p> <p>5. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a recommendation of the Town Council, acting as the Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission, on an application submitted for 4707 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following: Replacement fence in the right side and rear yard, and construction of a flagstone patio and seat wall in the rear yard – 7:50 p.m.</p> <p>6. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a permit application to install a HVAC unit at 4704 Essex Avenue – 7:55 p.m.</p> <p>7. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a permit application to install a HVAC unit at 4718 Cumberland Avenue – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>8. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider the removal of the following trees as recommended by the Town Arborist – 8:05 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elm, 24" dbh at 5001 River Road (being removed on an emergency basis)• Elm, 10" dbh at Capello Park• Tulip Poplar, 30" dbh at 4520 Dorset Avenue | <p>9. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider adoption of a Resolution of the Town of Somerset, committing to convert streetlights to LED energy efficient bulbs –8:10 p.m.</p> <p>10. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a technical change to previously approved Ordinance No. 1-2017 amending the Town Code related to parking restrictions on Dorset Avenue from Wisconsin Avenue approximately 414 west to the eastern edge of the fire hydrant zone – 8:15 p.m.</p> <p>11. Discussion: Maintenance design work on the exterior of the Town Hall update by Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects – 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>12. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider an amendment to the Pool Rules, section VIII, recommending removing the words "full time/contracted" to make it so all nannies, au pairs, babysitters, and caregivers would be exempt from the guest fee when attending with the resident they take care of– 8:40 p.m.</p> <p>13. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a proposal from Community Pools to purchase an automatic vacuum cleaner for the Town Pool at a cost of \$6,700.00 – 8:45 p.m.</p> <p>14. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval of a proposal from Community Pools to install a 16 ft. x 16 ft. Dry Dek four square court in the grassy area at the rear of the pool at a cost of \$2,000.00 – 8:50 p.m.</p> <p>15. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider taking a position on the Montgomery County Council Bethesda Plan Zoning Text Amendment and its possible effect on Somerset Elementary School – 8:55 p.m.</p> |
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Council Members: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale, Dudley Fowlkes, Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos

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16. Hearing/Motion: Montgomery County legislative proposal related to Animal Control pertaining to dog parks – 9:05 p.m.

17. Discussion: General Code Update – 9:10 p.m.

18. Discussion: Mayor's Report– 9:15 p.m.

19. Adjourn – 9:20 p.m.

KEY

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

*Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 20 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time since discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

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