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POOL SEASON 2017 New Rules and Upcoming Events



By Matthew Zaft, Chair, Pool Committee, Dorset Avenue

At the May meeting of the Town Council there were changes made to pool fees to help offset rising costs. First, non-resident guest fees were increased by \$1.00, from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Additionally, a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 was adopted for all parties held at the pool. This fee is in addition to both the deposit of \$250.00 (refundable if the area is cleaned up and no damage is caused) and the \$4.00 per non-resident guest fee. For example, if there is a party at the pool with 15 guests, all residents, the fee is \$100.00, but if of the 15 guests, five are non-residents, then the fee is \$120.00.

As there had been a lot of feedback regarding both of these topics and how it affects residents, the Pool Committee addressed both of these topics again at our May 16 meeting. As such we are making the following recommendations to the Town Council and Mayor Slavin:

1. Guest Fees

- a.) Exempt all full-time, contracted nannies, au pairs, babysitters, caregivers, etc. from the guest fee provided they are attending with the resident they care for.

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Calendar

Sunday, June 4

Swim Safe Ice Cream Social
at the Town Pool
2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

Summer Kick-Off Party at
the Town Pool
Noon — 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 19

Water Aerobics Begin
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
*Continues every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday*

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

Tuesday, July 4

Kids-Only Tennis Tourney at
the Town Courts
9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Fourth of July Celebration at
the Town Hall
Noon — 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 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

Activate Your Activism

One of the silver linings for our country that came about as a result of last year's divisive presidential election is that a new wave of public involvement is taking place all over the land, in every aspect of life. This new energy has been applied to activism beyond the political process. So whether it's the arts, the environment, education, etc., we are benefiting from the boost. And it's exciting that so many of the younger generation and folks from communities of color have become highly engaged.

I am delighted to see this because many of us — even in a place like Somerset in the heart of activist Montgomery County — had become complacent. We had relied on others to vote, to volunteer for a nonprofit, or to pay attention to a particular issue.

Beyond that, coupled with this increase in activity has been the surge in desire for more and better information--about everything. It is wonderful that people have looked beyond the alt-news and found avenues for the truth. The vast increase in the use of social media for news, by folks of all ages, is encouraging.

For our residents, we are blessed with an overwhelming number of opportunities to increase our activism. I could write paragraph after paragraph about this, as I have done frequently over the past decade.

I realize that it takes time and effort to find the most appropriate use of our time, especially with so much competition from our families, our careers and our faith institutions. So let's try to overcome those invisible barriers and step up our activism!



General Permits



Tree Removal Permit

4911 Essex Avenue

1 spruce tree that is dead

4810 Grantham Avenue

2 little leaf linden trees that are dead

4911 Dorset Avenue

1 pin oak that is hazardous

Dumpster Permit

5809 Surrey Street

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- b.) Provide each resident with a credit on their pool account for 10 free guest visits per pool season.
2. That a temporary Four Square court be chalked on the pool deck at the deep end of the pool until a Dry Deck court can be purchased and placed in the grassy area adjacent to the deep end of the pool.
3. That the Town Council approve implementing the organic mosquito and tick repellent treatment as recommended by Innovative Pest Management.

In addition, we are recommending that the website and party form be changed to reflect the definition adopted by the Council in June, 2015 that a party is a gathering of 10 or more non-residents.

NOW TO THE FUN STUFF!

- **Morning swim returns — bigger and better.** The morning swim session will run every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., from Memorial Day (May 29) to Labor Day (September 4). The session includes

space for both a masters style work-out and lap swimmers. The charge for morning swim will be \$100 for the entire session (43 swims), or \$5/swim drop-in fee.

- **Water aerobics will begin June 19 and meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** This class is open to all residents with a drop-in charge of \$5/session. Please bring a flotation device and make sure you have money in your account. For questions about water aerobics, contact Lucy Freeman at Dorset4708@yahoo.com or call 301-654-8115.
- **Swim Safe Ice Cream Social is June 4, at 2:30 p.m.** Bring the kids for a great video on pool safety along with make-your-own sundaes!
- **The Pool Season Summer Kick-Off Party is Saturday, June 17, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** Please come out for lunch and a swim.

Please email me at matthew.Zaft@morganstanley.com for more information on any of these topics. See you at the pool!

Council Liaison Assignments and Other Town Representation for May 2017–Spring 2018

By Council Vice-President Marnie Shaul, Uppingham Street

Each year the Council agrees on member liaison assignments to the Town's committees. We also agree on other assignments such as 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
- Environment Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser, Alternate
- Parks and Natural Resources Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Dudley Fowlkes, 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: Franny Peale, Marnie Shaul
- Ad Hoc Personnel Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser
- Ad Hoc Town Hall Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale
- Artist Shows in Town Hall: Barbara Zeughauser
- 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



Annual Summer Kick Off: June 17

Please join us for the season-opening Summer Kick-off party at the Town Pool on Saturday, June 17, starting at 12:00 pm. The party is sponsored by the Town of Somerset, and picnic food and beverages will be provided. We hope to see you there!



Fourth of July Celebration

The Town of Somerset annual Fourth of July Celebration will take place on Tuesday, July 4, at the Town Hall. Please look for the flier in next month's Journal with specific details. We are seeking volunteers to help us with the planning/set-up for the event on that particular day. We would greatly appreciate all the help we can get.



Calling All Somerset Graduates!

As part of the annual Fourth of July Celebration, we 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:

- Graduate's full name
- Street
- School graduated from
- Next step post graduation

WSSC Project Status in Town Parkland

Sometime this month, WSSC is scheduled to begin the project in Town parkland that has been in the works for more than three years. Access to the project will be off Wisconsin Avenue in the vicinity of Dorset Avenue. Please follow future email notices and Town Journals as this infrastructure project progresses.



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 walkers and bicyclists 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 found on the Town's website at www.townofsomerset.com.

Temporary Signs in the Right of Way and on 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#>

Calling All Kids ... for Tennis!

By Frank Joseph, Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place
Tennis-playing kids — it's time to sign up for Somerset's first-ever Kids-Only Tennis Tourney.

The tourney is open to kids of all ages. We'll try to pair you with an appropriate opponent. Bring your racquet and balls ... and your Somerset tennis card, of course. There'll be drinks, snacks and prizes for all. It's a great way to meet other Somerset tennis kids and families — and have fun!

Please sign up in advance. Send an email to frank@frankjoseph.com. Be sure to state your age and ability level and include a phone number.

And mark your calendar for the Fall Round Robin on Sunday, October 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

KIDS-ONLY TENNIS TOURNEY

Somerset Tennis Courts

Tuesday, July 4 | 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

(prior to the Town Fourth of July celebration)



Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on May 1, 2017. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the Council liaison assignments for 2017-2018.
2. Approval of the March 6, 2017 Council meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the April 3, 2017 Council meeting minutes.
4. Approval of the FY18 budget and setting the property tax rate at .10 for the real property and 1.00 for the personal property.
5. Approval to plant 1 white oak Town tree at 4810 Essex Avenue as recommended by the Town Arborist.
6. Approval to remove the following Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:
 - Ash, 25" dbh at 4801 Falstone Avenue on Surrey Street
 - Red Maple, 24" dbh Tree # 488 at 5510 Greystone Street
 - Flowering Cherry, 16" dbh Tree # 613 at 4707 Trent Court
 - Flowering Cherry, 19" dbh Tree # 643 at 5509 Trent Street
 - Tulip Poplar, 21" dbh 5545 at Warwick Place, SE corner of pool facility
7. Approval to send a letter and submit testimony in relation to Montgomery County Council proposed legislation concerning short-term rentals. A copy of the letter will be placed on the Town website.
8. Approval of a Resolution establishing an application fee in the amount of \$100.00 for large pool parties as an addition to the current pool rules for large parties in place.
9. Approval of a Resolution setting the pool guest fee for 2017 at \$4.00 per guest, per day.
10. Approval of a proposal submitted by A.B. Veirs Paving to perform roadway crack sealing, curb repair, and sidewalk repair at a cost not to exceed \$27,350.00.
11. Approval of a proposal submitted by A.B. Veirs Paving for additional sidewalk repair at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.
12. Mayor Slavin and Town Manager Charnovich each provided their monthly reports. Mosquito treatment was discussed for the rear grassy area at the pool. The matter was tabled until the June Council Meeting for the Town Manager to obtain a proposal for organic treatment of the area. Town Manager Charnovich went over the latest update concerning a proposal for maintenance work on the bridge near the Town Pool. It was determined the full cost for the maintenance work would be moved to the FY18 budget. Next steps were discussed concerning the Town Code and Charter update project.

IN MEMORIAM Flora Rose Blumenthal Atkin

May 15, 1919 — May 1, 2017
Somerset resident, 1957 — 2008

Flora Atkin moved to Uppingham Street in Somerset in 1957 from Silver Spring with her husband Maury and their three children, Joe (then 11) and twins Barrie and Jonathan (then 8). She and Maury lived in Somerset for 51 years, before moving to Maplewood Park Place in Bethesda in 2008. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Maplewood in December, 2011, with friends from Somerset in attendance.

Flora loved living in Somerset — the wonderful neighbors and lifelong friends, the friendly town, the sidewalks, the trees behind her house, the opportunity to have a garden and flowers. She found it to be a wonderful place to raise children. When the town pool was built, she and Maury used it often.

Our town was also a convenient location to get to her many activities — including directing and choreographing plays with Adventure Theater (a 60-year passion). During the years she was here, she wrote 10 plays, mostly for children, and was recognized with the Chorpenning Cup for an outstanding writer of children's plays who has received national recognition. She was also active in Adas Israel Synagogue, the Coast Guard Flotilla, and many other organizations. She was a world traveler — accompanying Maury on more than 20 vacations, plus trips to numerous countries that he visited as an international consulting economist.

After Maury died in 2012, Flora's children moved her to Chicago to be near her son Joe and his wife Carol and their children and grandchildren. In addition to her children, Flora leaves two granddaughters, and six great grandchildren.



Flora Atkins, pictured in 2007, with her husband Maury, son Joe and daughter-in-law Carol



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

With the Council's vote this month on the FY18 budget, the Town's annual fiscal planning season is once again completed. I want to again particularly thank the members of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee — **Robin Barr** (Essex), **Phil Young** (Greystone) and **Jonathan Medalia** (Surrey) -- for their guidance. It's always challenging to balance all the competing interests especially when there is great need . . . and the Council did not wish to impose a tax increase! Once again, I 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**.

Recently at Somerset Elementary School the winner of the annual 4th grade "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest was revealed: our own resident **Peter Kumar** (Uppingham), son of **Kabir Kumar** and **Kelly Swain**. Peter has won a gift certificate, a police ride-along and

most importantly, the opportunity to read his outstanding composition at our Fourth of July Celebration. I want to thank **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) for leading the contest judges, which included **Town Journal Co-Editor Barbara Marenus** (Surrey), **Joy Abel** (Grantham) and **Vicki Frink** (Cumberland). **Council Member Barbara Condos (Falstone)** joined us at the school for the announcement. This particular contest is sponsored by the Town and is part of a statewide contest conducted by the Maryland Municipal League.

As many know, most of my favorite mayoral duties involve our children, and the annual Career Day at Somerset ES earlier this month was no exception. I had the opportunity to host four different sessions which gave me the opportunity to meet with all of the 3rd graders and to talk about the job of a mayor. It's remarkable how much the students already knew and the best part of the time spent was answering questions and having discussions. Several Somerset parents also participated, including **Sophia Maroon** (Greystone). And I am told the big hit of the day were the stories told by pilot **Christopher Ventura**, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and most importantly, a son of our own Town staffer **Nicole Ventura**.

The amazing **Rubenstein Family** (Dorset) — **Barton, Shereen, Benjamin, Sabrina** and **Ari** — was on hand on

a recent Saturday on the Georgetown waterfront at the end of 31st Street, NW, to host the dedication of an incredible sculpture designed by Barton which symbolizes the mission of the Mother Earth Project that all five members of this family created. I urge all of you to go to motherearthproject.org to learn all about this important organization that is dedicated to making our planet more sustainable, and to go view the sculpture as well. I was honored to be asked to speak at this event and there were many others from Somerset present. Other speakers included Bethesda Green leader **Veronique Marier** (Essex), **Steve Guttentag** (Warwick) and the Number One Environmentalist on the Montgomery County Council **Roger Berliner**.

While we were all disappointed that weather issues caused the recent cancellation of our planned second annual bike event, I want to thank **Council Member Dudley Fowlkes** (Falstone) for quickly organizing a wonderful street/bike fair/"bikestone" event a week later at the intersection of Greystone and Falstone that was extremely well attended. I also want to express my appreciation to all the volunteers who helped with the food, beverages, bike repairs and leading the kids on bike rides. I hope we will see more of these outside events throughout the summer because they truly help make Somerset such a special place to live.



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.



JUNE

Somerset Kids Have Their Say

2017

This is the second in our series of Journal features especially for kids. All children living in Somerset are welcome to contribute. Just send your article, about 300 words long, and include some pictures, 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!

Somerset Students Exhibit Artworks

Somerset's kids have been extra-busy with end-of-the-year activities. The Somerset Elementary School Fifth Graders Art Exhibit continues at the Town Hall, through June 9. The exhibit, entitled "Mother Earth: Micro, Macro and Me," uses mixed media to explore different perspectives of life on Earth and connects art with awareness of our environment. Drop by to see the kids' bright, colorful and very skillful contributions.



Nini J. Panner proudly displays her artwork



Francesco Guinand and Clara Eleni Lieppe with their creations



Somerset fifth graders and teachers, joined by Congressman Jamie Raskin, showcase their artworks at the Town Hall

Essay Contest Winner

Somerset ES fourth-grader **Peter Kumar** (Uppingham) is the proud winner of the "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest. Somerset residents **Barbara Marenus** (Surrey), **Joy Abel** (Grantham), **Vicki Frink** (Cumberland) and **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) had the challenging task of judging. Read Peter's prize-winning essay on page 8.

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Prize-winner Peter Kumar is joined by Teacher Bess Pickar, Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, proud parents Kabir Kumar and Kelly Swain, contest judges Joy Abel and Vicki Frink and Council Members Barbara Condos and Barbara Zeughauser at the Town Hall awards ceremony



If I Were Mayor, I Would...

by Peter Kumar

If I were mayor, I would build a community center with events and services for people of all ages. My vision is that everyone in the town bonds and has fun.

For children, our center will have services, like language lessons in Spanish, French and Chinese, so people can learn many different languages to understand each other better. Some high schoolers will babysit younger children at the center. You can also rent a room for birthday parties. There will be 'kool aid Fridays' and 'milk and cookies Mondays' on the front lawn of the center too.

The elderly will be another focus group. They will have card games and bingo. There will be water aerobics in the town pool. We will also have the 'buddy team' where kids and adults team up with the elderly at the center to go on field trips.

The town will meet every month for six months to design the center. Everyone will be invited. Meetings will be video recorded for anyone who could not make it. We will have the children's and the elderly's services designed by groups that include children and the elderly.

Writing this essay reminded me of the book, "I am Malala." The Taliban take over the Pakistani town where Malala lives. The townspeople have no way of being a community because the Taliban think big meetings of people could have the power to overpower them. This is why I think even being able to meet and talk with people in safe places is special. A community center is powerful when it just makes it possible for all people to come together.



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

Can you believe it is June and we are almost halfway through 2017? Many minds have reflected on the subjective rate of time passing, which is an interesting conundrum — sort of a second differential of time, for those of you with a physics background — but the philosophers and physicists do not have a handle on it yet.

That's a discussion for another forum. There's a great deal happening in Somerset, so let's get started!

Felipe Allard grew up on Greystone Street. He's now moving back with his partner **Daniella Rivera** and their son **Nicolas** (10) into a home on Greystone that's just a couple of houses away from his childhood home!

Also moving into Somerset, on Essex Avenue, are **Rich and Michelle Scurfield** and their three children, **Nicolas, Dominic, and Juliana**. The family is currently in Singapore, but will be moving in when the renovations to their home have been completed.

Speaking of Essex Avenue, I have news from **Carrie Wofford**. She wrote that she and her family had a wonderful spring break trip to Italy, with private tours of the Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon, St. Peter's Basilica, Ostia Antica, and other great spots in Rome. Their tour guide was an architecture professor, based in Rome, who is a childhood friend of **Jill Lesser** (Trent Court), whom Jill recommended. Carrie says this architecture professor is a fabulous guide, great with kids, and would welcome more tours from Somerset residents visiting Rome, in order to supplement his professor's salary. So, if you're heading to Rome, ask Carrie or Jill for his contact information.

The **Friedrich Family** reports: "We're moving back to Somerset in mid-June, and we're super excited! During these past 2.5 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, we've missed the Somerset community enormously. All of us, especially our children — **Tayloe (14), John (11), and dog Baci (5)** — are looking forward to reconnecting with friends. We've bought a house on Uppingham Street and will arrive mid-June — just in time for swim team! We can't wait!"

June is graduation month, and Somerset has many families celebrating milestones. Here are just the ones who have come to my notice: from the **Dollar Family** (Cumberland):

Evan Dollar graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston on May 12. A composer, Evan plans to move to Los Angeles to work in the music industry. **Isabel Dollar** will be

heading to the University of St Andrews in Scotland this fall to complete an intense one-year master's program in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literary Culture.

Tali Levine (Falstone) tells me her son **Yoni Kamis** is graduating from B-CC High School. He plans on majoring in the sciences at the University of Maryland and will also run cross country for Maryland.

David Stern (Warwick) writes: "Our daughter **Katie Stern** graduates from Marquette University and is spending the next year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps as a teacher's assistant at a charter school in New Orleans."

Sally Rosenberg (Warwick) reports that she has two graduations in her family. "**Matthew** is graduating from Syracuse with his degree in Sport Management and is job-hunting. **Sally Charendoff** (my stepdaughter) is graduating from Simmons College with a degree in social work and will be doing a behavioral health fellowship at Harvard Vanguard in Concord, Massachusetts."

Archana Gregersen (Dorset) has news of her son, **Shray Mittal**, who graduated from the University of Maryland in May, 2017, and joined Capital One. He attended Somerset ES, Westland and B-CC, and was part of the B-CC crew team all four years of high school, graduating as co-captain. He will be coming back to stay with the family this month. Truly a Somerset graduate!

Finally in this batch of graduations, I am proud to include our son **Chris Dock** who is graduating from Berkeley with a double major in Mathematics and Physics (Honors). He is moving nearer home in the fall to start a PhD program in Applied Mathematics at Maryland.

I know you join me in wishing all our graduates life-changing success in all their future endeavors!

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On a different topic: **Debbie Berger** (Cumberland) went on the Climate March in late April, along with her children **Eliza and Zach Fox** and many other Somerset residents (including my wife and me). **Natalie and Max Veksler** (Warwick) were fortunate to be included in this picture with Al Gore, Richard Branson and other notables — how many do you recognize?



Paige Whitley (Cumberland), along with **David Kathan** (Dorset), recently completed a paper on the history of the former African-American community which was located on River Road, discovering a wealth of previously unknown information about this nearly forgotten enclave. On that last point, I believe Paige is also working on an article for the Journal on this fascinating aspect of our local history.

I had planned to float another “stir the pot” idea in this month’s column, to follow on from my suggestion to light the tennis courts for summer evening play, but I am running out of space, so will end with news of a world-encompassing event which had its start through the artistic creativity of **Barton Rubenstein** (Dorset). On May 29th the first in a series of sculptures created by Barton as part of the “Mother Earth” project was dedicated at a site on the Georgetown waterfront at the end of 31st Street, NW. The sculpture, a profile of Barton’s late mother, represents Mother Earth and seeks worldwide connection in the pursuit of global sustainability. It is being replicated in Bonn, Germany; Naples, Italy; Jerusalem, Israel; Yaounde, Cameroon; and Benin in West Africa.

The dedication was graced with several speakers, who spoke eloquently on the world’s desperate need for greater connectivity and understanding. The first speaker was our **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin** (Warwick). Following Jeffrey were



Barton Rubenstein with his sculpture

Glenn Prickett, Chief External Affairs Officer of the Nature Conservancy; Montgomery County District 1 **Council Member Roger Berliner**; **Joe Sternlieb**, CEO of the Georgetown Business Improvement District; **Göran Lithell**, Deputy Ambassador of Sweden; **Veronique Marier** (Essex), Executive Director of Bethesda Green; a statement from **Senator Chris Van Hollen**; **Steve Guttentag**, President of Pearson Online and Blended Learning; **Mary Barton-Dock** (Falstone), currently World Bank Country Director for Haiti, and previously Director of Environment and Climate Change for the World Bank.

So, from a small beginning in the Town of Somerset, to global connectivity!



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Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, June 5, 2017

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 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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| <p>1. Motion: To consider approval of the May 1, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes</p> | <p>2. Motion: To consider confirmation approval of the Mayor's nomination of Sara Anderson to serve on the Town Parks and Natural Resources Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.</p> |
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NON-CONSENT

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| <p>3. Discussion: Town Manager's May Financial Report–7:35 p.m.</p> <p>4. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider applications submitted by WSSC to complete sewer lateral work in the following locations:–7:40 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uppingham Street in the vicinity of 5511• Trent Street in the vicinity of 5508, 5509, 5510, and 5511 <p>5. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider approval to remove the following 5 Town trees as recommended by the Town Arborist:–7:55 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <p>6. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider a recommendation by the Pool Committee to treat the large grassy area at the rear of the pool area with organic mosquito repellent throughout the summer–8:00 p.m.</p> <p>7. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider 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–8:10 p.m.</p> <p>8. Discussion: Town Hall second floor renovation concept plan discussion with Lou Balodemas of Balomedmas Architects–8:20 p.m.</p> <p>9. Discussion: General Code Update–8:35 p.m.</p> <p>10. Discussion: Mayor's Report–8:40 p.m.</p> <p>11. Discussion/Motion: Town right-of-ways/easements within the Town of Somerset with Town Attorney Ron Bolt regarding responsibilities concerning the public rights-of-way, and related legal issues–8:45 p.m.</p> <p>12. Adjourn–8:50 p.m.</p> |
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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.



Council Members: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale, Dudley Fowlkes, Marnie Shaul, Barbara Condos

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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.