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Upcoming September Events at the Pool

By **Matthew Zaft**, *Chair, Pool Committee, Dorset Avenue*

At their August meeting the Town Council approved two of the Pool Committee's recommendations: 1) hold an **Adults Only Party** at the Pool on **September 9 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.**, and 2) hold a **Family Movie Night** at the Pool on **September 16** with Rockland's Food Truck in attendance.

Here is some information about these events. First, a huge thank you to **Beth Ewing** (Cumberland), **Seth Cohen** and **Jill Gershenson** (Greystone), **Josh Freeman** (Warwick), **Anne Hawkins** (Falstone), **Lisa Krochmal** (Surrey), and **Nicole Totah Rosenthal** (Surrey) for saving the Adults Only Party from cancellation!! Beth graciously stepped up and agreed to lead the planning of this long dormant event with the help of our other superstar volunteers. We sincerely thank you all! The Pool will close an hour early, but the facility will stay open until 11 p.m. More details to come, but block off **Saturday, September 9th** now for an evening of food, drinks, and neighbor bonding!

Also mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 16th** for a fun filled night of action, adventure, romance, and BBQ at the Pool! We will once again have a Family Movie Night, this time showing *The Princess Bride*. New to this year's event will be Rockland's Food Truck providing delicious fare for all ages! **The food truck will be open for business at 5:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 7 p.m.** We hope residents of all ages will come out for our final Saturday night at the Pool!

Separately from the great events above, we want to remind residents of two very important rules:

1. NO GLASS at the pool!!!
2. All swimmers who are not 100% toilet trained must wear appropriate swim diaper covers when at the pool. These are available in the lifeguard office.

Feel free to contact me (matthew.zaft@ms.com) with any questions.

IN THIS ISSUE





ON MY MIND

Revisiting Your Health

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, Warwick Place

As the summer season wanes, more than a few of us are preparing for the Fall Surge and the sprint to the holiday season. As such, many of our diet and exercise goals from January are in peril.

Most of you are aware of my commitment to exercise and healthy eating, and I am always willing to share information and ideas. I also read a lot on the subject. Accordingly, I want to encourage all Somerset residents to make a renewed commitment to better health.

I have been closely following the science regarding sugar intake. As we all know, more sugar means more pounds, and obesity is connected to almost every disease. Beyond that, the evidence indicates that even sugar-free products and substitutes increase our cravings for sweets. As a result, this summer I have given up all such products, including sugar-free gum and jello. This has made me feel better resulting in less craving for sweets and more energy.

For years, I have known that diet is a dirty word and food "policing" doesn't work. I am now following the philosophy of Mindful Eating, which includes portion control and attention to the times of day that we eat. There is an abundance of information about this topic on the web. See, for example, "6 Ways to Practice Mindful Eating," at www.mindful.org/6-ways-practice-mindful-eating/.

I am also becoming increasingly aware of the value of good spiritual health. And while not everyone will be interested in meditating, some IT innovations could be helpful, along with old standbys like journaling and writing poetry. I myself am creating daily haikus.

Don't forget that what you do in the morning contributes greatly to the tone of your day. Try these five habits: 1. Make your bed, 2. Hydrate, 3. Plan your day, 4. Play music you love and 5. Move. Take a look at www.fitnessmagazine.com/mind-body/inspiration/5-morning-habits-that-shape-your-whole-day/.

Let this all help you achieve optimal wellness.

NEW LOOK FOR TOWN JOURNAL

By Journal Editors **Barbara Marenus**, Surrey Street, and **Mary Wisniewski**, Greystone Street

Alert readers may notice the Somerset Town Journal's new look this month. We've rearranged our format, added more photos, and are using a more modern typeface. We think the revamped Journal looks more appealing and will be easier to read. Many thanks to graphic designer Emily Yahn for her creative efforts. We hope our readers will continue to enjoy the Somerset Town Journal for many years to come.

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Somerset Welcomes New Neighbors on Saturday, September 16

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager

One of the many great benefits of living in Somerset is its wonderful sense of community. A long-standing Town tradition is the annual Newcomers' Welcome Party at the Town Pool. On **Saturday, September 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, we will welcome all the new neighbors who have moved into Somerset in the past year. Please join our Mayor, Town Council members and neighbors, old and new, for this fun and festive tradition.

If the weather permits, the pool will be open. *Adults and kids* are all welcome — and we hope everyone will join in the festivities. It is such a wonderful opportunity to meet new neighbors and reconnect with old friends.

This year we are welcoming 13 new families to our wonderful municipality, and we hope the entire Town will come out and give them a warm welcome. If you have any questions about the party, please contact the Town Hall. We are also seeking residents who are willing to serve on the Planning Committee for this event; please contact the Town Hall if you are interested.

Here is a list of our new residents:

CUMBERLAND Avenue

- 4511 – Liza Julian
- 4701 – John Salamon, Ilhem Salamon
- 4818 – Mary Stuart McCamy

ESSEX Avenue

- 4721 – Rick Scurfield, Michelle Scurfield

GREYSTONE Street

- 5506 – Felipe Allard, Daniela Rivera

SURREY Street

- 5415 – Charlie Park, Victoria Park
- 5813 – Aviva Rosenthal, Dan Rosenthal

UPPINGHAM Street

- 5511 – Matt Friedrich, Dabney Friedrich
- 5512 – Rob Williams, Liz Williams

WARWICK Place

- 5528 – Michael Nangle, Jennifer Nangle
- 5605 – Charles Borden, Rebecca Borden
- 5613 – Peter Capozza, Mary Pat Selvaggio

WISCONSIN Avenue

- 5914 – Aubrey Moss

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

Adults Only Pool Party
8 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

Friendship Village Art Show
Opening Reception
11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

Nonagenarian Ice Cream Social
3 to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Newcomers' Party at the Pool
2 to 4 p.m.

Family Movie Night at the Pool
7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Art Show Opening at Town Hall
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

Last Day of Pool Season

Annual Dog Swim
6 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

Round Robin Tennis Tournament
1 to 4 p.m.

"Somerset Stories" Launches on Channel 16 in September

By Council Vice President Marnie Shaul,
Uppingham Street

In the cover story of last month's Journal, **Cathy Pickar** (Dorset) introduced residents to Somerset's upcoming programs on Channel 16. I want to remind residents of the opportunity to view these shows at 10 p.m. on Wednesday nights in September and going forward throughout the fall. Somerset is so fortunate to have a multi-talented and energetic host like Cathy. She is creating a model that other municipalities can follow.

The cable channel is a great resource for municipalities like ours, and Somerset is the first of the Montgomery County municipalities to take advantage of what the station offers.

We can focus on Somerset activities and feature stories about our wonderful and interesting residents. If you would like to tell your story or have an idea of something that should be covered, please contact Cathy at cpickar@gmail.com.

September Viewing Schedule for "Somerset Stories" on Channel 16

- **Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 p.m.** — Interview with **Mayor Jeffrey Slavin**
- **Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 p.m.** — Interview with **Council Vice President, Marnie Shaul**
- **Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 p.m.** — Interview with **Council Members Barbara Condos, Franny Peale and Barbara Zeughauser**
- **Wednesday, September 27th at 10:00 p.m.** — Interview with Town residents **Paige Whitley** and **David Kathan** on *The Forgotten African American Community of River Road*.

Somerset Stories will be new on **Wednesdays at 10:00 p.m.** with repeats of the Wednesday show on the following Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. After airing on Channel 16, links to the shows as well as downloads of the mp4 video files will be available at MMC's website at www.mmctv.org/video.html. Just click on *Somerset Stories*. In addition, the videos will also be posted on Somerset's website at www.townofsomerset.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Nonagenarian Ice Cream Social on September 12 at the Town Pool

By **Phyllis Wiesenfelder**, *Cumberland Avenue*

A party to honor and celebrate the Town's nonagenarians, those who have turned 90 years old, will be held on **Tuesday, September 12th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Pool. We look forward to sharing their reminiscences of Somerset life over the decades. If you have any questions or need a ride to the party, please contact either **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset) at **301-654-8115**, Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) at **301-951-8560** or **Phyllis Wiesenfelder** at **301-529-3896**.



It's a Beautiful Day... to Play Tennis

By **Frank Joseph**, *Chair, Tennis Committee, Warwick Place*

Summer heat is coming to an end and cool fall days are in sight. Pull out those racquets from where they've been gathering dust and come join us. It's perfect weather for tennis!

The fall Round Robin tournament takes place **Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **Kathy Wenger** (Cumberland) is in charge. She used to help manage the Virginia Slims tourney so you'll be in good hands. There will be snacks and prizes for all, and you'll likely meet a new player or two.

The Round Robin is open to all Town tennis players and guests, but registration is limited. To participate, just send me an email to frank@frankjoseph.com. Be sure to note player gender, age and ability level.



Or simply come out and play. It's always best to reserve court time to make sure you get on when you want to. Signup sheets are posted four days in advance.

See you on the courts!

SAVE THE DATES

Art Show Opening at Town Hall on September 17

Please join **Nicholas Pyle** and **Grace McGuire** at their art opening at the Somerset Town Hall on **Sunday, September 17, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** They are freshmen at Walt Whitman High School and live in Cabin John.

Nicholas is the grandson of long-time Somerset resident **Lucy Freeman** (Dorset). For the past several years he has been taking painting and other art classes at the Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, and more recently has started creating commissioned painting for neighborhood families.

Nicholas lives with his mom and past Somerset resident Alexandra Freeman, dad Doug Pyle, sister Taylor Pyle, dog Jasmine, rabbit Cheerio, 3 fish, and a frog.

Grace loves to work with many media including watercolor, pencil, and collage. She also enjoys creating theater sets and costumes. Her mixed-media collage was selected for the 2017 Montgomery County Diversity Art Show in Rockville. She lives with her parents Sarah Craven and Matt McGuire, her twin brother Jack, beloved dog Daisy, and less-beloved chinchilla Kiwi.

Art Show Opens at Friendship Village Center on September 10

By **Barbara Zeughauser**, *Council Member, Trent Street*

Please stop by the Friendship Heights Village Center on **Sunday, September 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** to see the works of many of Somerset's artists at their latest art show. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

Somerset residents participating in the show include: **Ellen Globokar** (Dorset), **Len Harris** (Trent), **Judith Baldinger** (Warwick), **Sandra Zacharia** (Warwick), **Florence Gang** (Fallstone), **Lois Levitan** (Trent), **Vicki Malone** (Essex), and **Carol Jason** (Warwick).



Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, *Town Manager*

WSSC Project Update in Town Parkland

The WSSC sewer rehabilitation project is underway in the Town Parkland adjacent to Wisconsin Avenue. Currently, WSSC and its contractors are constructing the temporary access road within the site. A few trees have been removed, as marked and authorized for removal by our Town Arborist.

New Parking Regulations on Dorset After Labor Day (Area between Wisconsin and Deal)

Starting on September 5, the parking regulations will change on Dorset Avenue, starting at Wisconsin Avenue and moving 414 feet west to the eastern edge of the fire hydrant zone. An ordinance was adopted to change the regulation. Parking will be prohibited on this stretch between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays. This new regulation will be enforced. Please contact the Town Hall with any questions.

Tennis Courts: Code Gate Change

The Tennis Committee informed me that they are noticing some cases where the code to the Tennis Courts gate has been distributed to individuals who are not tennis cardholders. In an effort to improve security, we will be changing the gate code. The new gate code will be distributed to those who have current tennis cards. Please know it is against the Tennis Rules to distribute the code to non-card holders. We anticipate the code change will take place before the end of August.

Town Charter Proposed Amendments

Town officials have held multiple public meetings in the course of reviewing and updating the Town Code and Charter. At the August 2017 Town Council meeting, 33 resolutions were introduced concerning the amendment of the Town Charter. Two public hearings will be held, one in September and one in October, before they are adopted. Public notice will also be required post adoption. These draft resolutions can be found on the Town's website and also can be viewed at the Town Hall.

Pool Closing Date and Annual Dog Swim

The Pool will close for the season on **Sunday, September 17** and the Town's annual **"Dog Swim" will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Please follow future email notices and

the Town Journal notices in this edition of the Journal for events that will be held at the Pool in September.

WSSC Discolored Water Reporting

I periodically notice posts on the private listserv concerning discolored water in the community. WSSC has useful information at its website outlining what to do if you experience discolored water. Here is the link:

<https://www.wsscwater.com/discoloredwater>

School Is Starting Soon!

With summer drawing to a close, school will be starting soon. Please be mindful of this when driving through the neighborhood. Pedestrians, including more children, will be walking more frequently to and from school.

Pet Reminders: Pet Waste and Leash Law

This is a friendly reminder to legally clean up after pet waste in the community. Dog waste must be cleaned up on private property and in public spaces. Also, dogs must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's premises. Thank you for complying with these laws and for being a good neighbor. Most especially, do not deposit pet waste in private trash cans or recycling bins! Please visit the Montgomery County website for a comprehensive list of pet laws at this link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/asd/laws.html>

Be Sure to Lock All Cars Parked on the Street and in Driveways

Here are examples of ways to prevent auto theft:

- Lock all doors and close the windows.
- Remove all valuables from inside the vehicle, including GPS systems, or lock them in your trunk.
- Do not leave electronic devices or accessories visible.
- Keep the registration in your wallet or purse rather than in the vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit and populated area.
- Use a visible anti-theft device that has a visible indicator (about \$20 to \$50). It locks the steering wheel in a fixed position so the vehicle cannot be driven.
- Use an alarm system.
- Do not leave money in your vehicle.
- Do not hide a key in your vehicle.
- Report suspicious activity to the police: Emergency 911, non-emergency 301-279-8000.

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



Welcome to the “dog days” of summer, everyone! This is usually a more relaxed time in Somerset for most, and many residents take vacations through Labor Day. As a result, and unfortunately, this is also historically the season when we need to be most vigilant about the possibility of a spike in minor crime in Town. Please be sure to lock all your house doors, garages, and cars and leave an extra light or two on at night if you are away. Make sure someone brings in your newspapers and mail and by all means do not advertise your absences on the listserv or anywhere else. If we all watch out and help each other there likely be fewer incidents of theft or burglary this month—and in the future. And as usual, our Town police officers are on high alert at this time.

The “next door” Village of Friendship Heights has once again offered display space in their Town Center for the month of September for a show featuring our own Town artists. The Town Council and I are deeply gratified for this generous offer. A number of our talented Somerset artists are taking advantage of this exciting opportunity and I would like to publicly thank **Council Member Barbara Zeughauser** (Trent) for coordinating the display. She will be looking forward to seeing a large turnout at the official reception taking place on Sunday, September 10.

As a “Green” Mayor, I am once again participating in Car Free Day on Friday, September 22. This is a free international event celebrated yearly on this date in which people are encouraged to get around without driving alone in cars and instead ride trains, buses, bicycles, carpools and subways or even walk. I hope many of our residents will participate and all in this area can fill out a pledge form at carfreemetro.org. As a bonus, once you are registered you’re automatically entered for a chance to win great prizes.

While I don’t like belaboring this, as I stroll around Town daily I continue to see too many beer cans, candy wrappers and even cigarette butts carelessly strewn on our streets and sidewalks. This is particularly the case near our ongoing construction projects. I hope that the owners of these properties will alert their contractors and subcontractors that our Town does not tolerate litter. We need to do everything possible to enhance our streetscape. Don’t be afraid to bend down and pick up a piece of trash... it’s actually healthy!

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, Council Member **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560, or **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 and we will set it up.



GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

4907 FALSTONE AVE.

- 1 flowering cherry



All About People

By Alan Dock, Falstone Avenue

I wonder how many of you have dipped into the world of Ray Bradbury in Green Town, Illinois, through the portal of his anthology "Dandelion Wine." If you have, please drop me a note at alandock@hotmail.com; I would love to share thoughts about the comparison between Green Town and Somerset with you!

We have had four new families join our community since I wrote my August column, so let's get started on welcoming each family. First up is the **Rosenthal** family, **Dan** and **Aviva**, and their children **Sadie** (15 years), and **Stella** (6 years). They are making some renovations to their house on Surrey Street before moving in, but assure us they will be at the 'Welcome to Newcomers' party at the pool on Saturday, September 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. **John** and **Ilhem Salamon** have similar aged children, **Alice** (12 years) and **Sophia** (5 years). They are putting down roots on Cumberland Avenue. **Liza Julian** is also taking up residence on Cumberland Avenue, joining her daughter **Kate Julian** who lives on Trent Street. Finally in this group of new "Somersetters" is the **Park** family, **Charlie** and **Victoria** and their children **Hailey** (4 years) and **William** (3 years). Some of you may have met these children walking around Town with their **grandmother Sunok**, who lives with Victoria and Charlie.

A very warm welcome to all of you! I hope you meet many neighbors at the annual new residents pool party on the 16th. Unfortunately, I will be visiting family in the UK at that time, but hope to meet you all later in the year. However, I will still be in Town for the Adult Pool Party on Saturday, September 9, and the Nonagenarian Party on Tuesday, September 12, and perhaps will meet some of you at one of those events. But alas, I will also miss the closing of the pool on the 17th and the dog swim that evening — one of my highlights of the year!

Lucy Freeman (Dorset) wrote to me about her daughter **Alexandra** who grew up in Somerset. Alexandra Freeman is an immunologist and a member of a cutting-edge medical team at the National Institute of Health (NIH).

Last month, the Discovery Channel screened a three part series "First in Human" which explores the experimental treatments being conducted by the NIH on patients who are gravely ill. Alexandra took care of one of the four patients treated in the series. A quick Google search shows that this docuseries is available on Amazon Prime. Do take a look at this series and learn more about Alexandra's work at the forefront of medicine.

I am sure that most of you, at some point in your life in Somerset, have had occasion to visit the Town Hall. The first person you are likely to meet there would be Nicole Ventura, our indefatigable and helpful Town Administrative Assistant. What you may not know is that Nicole was born in Brazil and came to the U.S. when she was nine years old. She recently had the opportunity to return to that country for a large family reunion. Let Nicole tell you her story:

It has been approximately 30 years since my last visit and it seemed like it was yesterday. It was great to see lots of my relatives. At one point, we counted over 75 people at one of the gatherings — the youngest was 6 months old and the oldest 91. Even though it was their winter we were able to go to the beaches — average temperature during the day was 75–85, and enjoy the many wonderful touristy sights. It was sad to see the poverty and how their current economy is in very sad shape, but it was amazing to see even with all their problems the people seemed happy and would go out of their way to help you. It was nice to brush up on my Portuguese and it gave me a new appreciation for how courteous Americans are in their driving — white lines on the road in Brazil are only suggestions for guidance, and as for red lights at night — just slow down and keep moving — if you stop you may get assaulted! Don't even get me going on motorcycles!!!! Just give me the beaches, people and of course their wonderful drink Caipirinha (Brazilian drink made with Cachaça) and all worries go away...

Thanks Nicole, and we're glad you made it back!

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on August 7, 2017. The Council took the following actions:

1. Approval of the June 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Tabling of the July 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of the fall bulk refuse collection date of October 2, 2017.
4. Approval of plan amendments submitted for 4818 Cumberland Avenue, including reforestation of the site with additional trees by amending the landscape plan.
5. Approval of a tree removal permit at 4507 Dorset Avenue to remove the following 6 trees: 1 12" Boxelder, 3 11" Boxelders, 1 14.5" Black Cherry, and 1 Leyland Cypress.
6. Approval of a Kids Movie Night at the Town Pool on September 16, 2017, including a food truck visit, as was recommended by the Pool Committee.
7. Approval of an Adults Only Pool Party to take place on September 9, 2017 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Town Pool, to be funded by those attending, as recommended by the Pool Committee.
8. Approval to amend Section 2 of the Tennis Court Rules related to court access as recommended by the Tennis Committee.
9. Approval to amend Section 3 of the Tennis Court Rules related to the display of tennis cards on the gate as recommended by the Tennis Committee.
10. Approval to amend the final sentence of the Town of Somerset Etiquette Code to state "I agree to follow the Somerset Tennis Court Rules and Tennis Etiquette Code" as recommended by the Tennis Committee.
11. Approval of a contract with Scott Watson Associates, Inc. for streetlight consultation services.
12. Introduction of proposed comprehensive amendments to the Town Charter, Resolutions 8-17-1 through 8-17-33.
13. Mayor Slavin provided his report. Town Manager Charnovich provided both administrative and financial reports. Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects was at the Town Council Meeting to discuss design work concerning maintenance on the exterior of the Town Hall. Further discussion would occur in September on this proposal and also maintenance of the Town Hall roof. Next steps were discussed concerning the Town Code and Charter update project.

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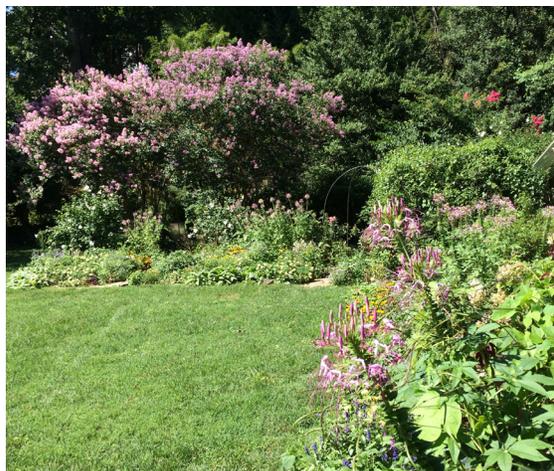
IN MEMORIAM

Ann Mitchell, Dorset Avenue

Ann Elizabeth Mitchell was born May 29, 1940 in Evanston, IL, the daughter of Hazel and William Stupple, an estate sale specialist and a golf course greens keeper, respectively. The family moved to Highland Park, IL where Ann graduated from high school and then graduated from Cornell University with a degree in English in 1961. She married and moved to New York City where she was employed as an educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Her first child, Caitlin, was born in 1965 and the family moved to Winnetka, IL where Ann's second child, Andrew, was born in 1967. The family moved to the Washington, DC area in 1972 and settled at 4709 Dorset Avenue in Somerset in 1973. Both of Ann's children attended Somerset Elementary and Ann was a leader of the Somerset Parent/Teacher Association, founding the annual Somerset Fair fundraiser for the school. The family moved to Bethesda, MD in 1979 but maintained ownership of their home in Somerset. Ann returned to the home in 1985 and lived there until her passing on July 25, 2017. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Dietrich Schulte-Frohlinde in 2015 and is survived by her children Caitlin Pappas and Andrew Mitchell, their spouses Nick and Charmaine and 4 grandchildren.

Ann was an avid gardener, maintaining and enhancing one of the most beautiful gardens in Somerset. She was a painter and a potter who loved to cook, travel, the beach, great art and any kind of movie. She adopted many a stray cat on Dorset Avenue, giving them wonderfully comfortable lives. She loved her friends and neighbors, both friends like herself who lived in Somerset for over 40 years and new neighbors whose children she enjoyed introducing to her garden. She loved her family and her 4 grandchildren all of whom she had vacationed with the week before her passing. We miss her sense of humor, her wise counsel and her passion for life.

By Caitlin Pappas, Ann's daughter





SEPTEMBER

Somerset Kids Have Their Say

2017

Kids' Page Is on Vacation!

It's mid-August as this September edition of the Town Journal goes to press, and Somerset's kids are all away on vacation or busy enjoying the last weeks of summer, before school reopens on Tuesday, September 5. The Kids' Page is on vacation, too, and will resume in the October issue. We plan to return with lots of back-to-school highlights and news of fall happenings in our Town.

All children living in Somerset are welcome to contribute to the Kids' Page. Send your article, about 300 words long, and include some pictures 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!

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 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 p.m.***



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

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the July 5, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the August 7, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

NON-CONSENT

3. **Discussion:** Town Manager's August Administrative and Financial Report – 7:35p.m.
4. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a building permit application submitted by Carter, Inc. for 4509 Cumberland Avenue. The applicants are requesting the following permits: Demolition, Building, Dumpster, Fence, Retaining Wall, Driveway Apron, and Tree Removal – 7:45 p.m.
5. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider a building permit application submitted by Andrew Lewis and Nancy Kadowitz, 5525 Trent Street. The applicants are requesting the following permits: remove the existing garage and add a one-story addition, construction of a new deck, construction of a new carport, Tree Removal, Dumpster, and installation of a new HVAC unit – 8:00 p.m.

6. **Discussion:** Maintenance design work on the exterior of the Town Hall update by Lou Balodemas of Balodemas Architects, including replacement of the Town Hall roof – 8:15 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a conservation landscaping and storm water management plan designed by Backyard Bounty for the area near the Town parking lot and tennis courts at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 – 8:30 p.m.
8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval to send a letter in relation to the short term rental legislation hearing (ZTA 17-03) that will be before the County Council on September 12, 2017 – 8:40 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing** (1 of 2): Proposed comprehensive amendments to the Town Charter, Resolutions 8-17-1 through 8-17-33 (copies available on Town website, at Town Hall, and at the Town Council meeting) – 8:50 p.m.
10. **Discussion:** General Code Update – 8:55 p.m.
11. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report – 9:00 p.m.
12. **Adjourn** – 9:05 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 blast 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.

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.