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Summer in Somerset

ANNUAL JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AT TOWN HALL



Andrew Lewis (Trent) leads Mayor Jeffrey Slavin and the crowd in singing our national anthem



Evan and Barron Williams (Warwick) win the egg toss



Alex Pack leads the games



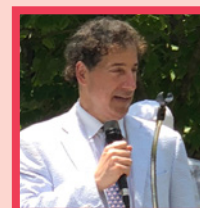
Maya Donnelly Cohen (Surrey) reads her winning "If I Were Mayor" essay as Council Member Barbara Zeughauser looks on



Young residents read the Declaration of Independence



County Executive
Ike Leggett



Congressman
Jamie Raskin

SOMERSET LUAU Adult Pool Party on July 14

Leis and Hawaiian finery are the order of the day



Hawaiian
cocktails set the
mood

Sellout crowd
at the luau



ON MY MIND

A Tribute to County Exec Ike Leggett

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin, *Warwick Place*

With the end of the primary election campaign last month came the realization that the final term of our outstanding **Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett** has only months to go. This makes me sad.

Mr. Leggett has been our top elected official for the entire time I have been Mayor, and I can't overstate how beneficial his service has been for the Town and what an extraordinary impact he has made on all our lives. Our Council, Staff and I have worked closely with him personally, along with his team, on countless issues of mutual concern. He has always been "present," available and interested and has shown us what real leadership is all about.

From a larger County-wide view, Mr. Leggett leaves a huge legacy, including a commitment to public education (especially at the college level), empowerment of the vital nonprofit sector, and encouragement of public participation from everyone, not just the privileged few. He accomplished all this in his three terms as County Executive during some lean budget times. I want to invite all residents to join me now in appreciating the accomplishments of this fine man.

A community-wide tribute to Ike is being planned for **Sunday, September 23** from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore. Details for this free event are available at cms.montgomerycollege.edu/ACEScelebration. Please mark the date and time. I hope to see a large contingent from Somerset there.

In Case You Missed It ...



You can view a video of the Somerset July 4th celebration at this link, thanks to Montgomery Municipal Cable:
<https://youtu.be/MCfLXhqNT8Q>

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Congratulations, Graduates!

Traditionally, Somerset honors its graduates at the Town's annual July Fourth Celebration. This year, the reading of the names and future schools was abbreviated due to the excessive heat. Please note this list is not all-inclusive; it lists only the graduates we were made aware of as the Journal went to press. If you are a 2018 graduate or you know of a graduate, please let us know and we'll be happy to publish your name in a future issue. Please send names and school information to allaboutsomerset@gmail.com.

The Town wishes to congratulate the following graduates, with apologies to any we've omitted:

St. Columba's Preschool

- Lindsay Shewmaker (Cumberland), to Somerset ES

Somerset Elementary School

- Georgie Coleman (Falstone), to Westland MS
- Charlotte Grohowski (Cumberland), to Westland MS
- Maya Holden (Falstone), to Westland MS
- Tillie Owen (Trent), to Sidwell Friends MS
- Luke Shewmaker (Cumberland), to Westland MS
- Annette Grace Smith (Dorset), to Westland MS
- Ava Teleki (Warwick), to Westland MS
- Naoma Teleki (Warwick), to Westland MS
- Evan Sellig Williams (Warwick), to Westland MS

Rochambeau French Elementary School

- Joshua Godette (River), to Rochambeau French MS

North Bethesda Middle School

- David Panner (Essex), to Bethesda Chevy-Chase HS

Westland Middle School

- Abbie Bobeck (Warwick), to Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
- Curran Holden (Falstone), to Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
- Robin Mills (Uppingham), to Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS
- Tibor Teleki (Warwick), to Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

- Pascal Lee (Falstone), to Kenyon College

- Eli Macher (Cumberland), to University of Colorado
- Jamie Mills (Uppingham), to Wesleyan University
- Sarah Paul (Surrey), to Gettysburg College
- William Satloff (Essex), to Washington University

Field School

- Ethan Schwartz (Essex), to University of Denver in 2019, after a gap year

Georgetown Day School

- Ananya Kapur (Surrey), to University of California, Berkeley

Sidwell Friends High School

- Joey Romansky (Warwick), to Northwestern University

Washington International School

- Ananiya Kumar Neeck (Dorset), to University of Chicago

AUGUST CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

MVA Mobile Office

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friendship Heights

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.

A Somerset Tradition!

Newcomers' Welcome Party

At the Town Pool

Saturday, September 8,
2 to 4 p.m.

SAVE
THE
DATE

Water Safety – It Pays to Be Aware!

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

I wanted to pass along the links to two articles from our wonderful Pool Manager. These are definitely worth taking the time to read no matter your age or whether or not you have young kids. There are a lot of misconceptions about what drowning looks like, and it behooves us all to know the signs. Thanks for taking the time!

Here are the helpful links:

- <https://www.rd.com/advice/parenting/8-quiet-signs-of-someone-drowning/>
- https://www.huffingtonpost.com/kate-carr/4-misconceptions-about-dr_b_10724654.html

August Is a Great Time for Tennis Because ...

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

No one is here. They're still at the beach. You have the courts pretty much to yourself. Summer's heat and humidity often starts to break around mid-August, giving us a foretaste of crystal-clear fall days and the really perfect tennis weather ahead.

This is a flat-out encouragement to come out and play!

- If you're a regular player, you don't need convincing.
- If you're a bit rusty, what a nice moment to get back into the game.
- If you need a lesson or two, talented pros are available to help you. Drop me an email at keycom@verizon.net for some suggestions.
- If you need someone to play with, I can put you in touch with other Town tennis players who'll be a good match for your age and stage.
- If you'd rather practice by yourself, there's a ball machine sitting in my driveway that you're welcome to use. Just contact me at my email address (above) to set up a time.

You do need a tennis card to use the Town courts, of course. That's no problem. Cards are still just \$25 and one card covers everyone in your household, whether or not they're related. Visit the Town Hall for yours, or do it on line. Here's the address to purchase a 2018 tennis card: <https://md-somerset.civicplus.com/FormCenter/EPayments-Form-5/Paying-Tennis-Court-Fees-Online-39>

Finally, a reminder: The last Town tennis event of the season is the fall Round Robin for adults. It's **Sunday, October 21**, from 1 to 4 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

July 4th Cupcake-Decorating Contest



Patriotic first-place winner created by the **Wrona Family: Amy, Joey, Vu, Binh** (Grantham). Second place went to the **Zaft Family: Olivia, Annie, Chloe** (Dorset); 3rd place to **Phoebe Lewis** (Trent) and Honorable Mention to the **Lopez Family: Emilia, Santiago** (Greystone).



It was a difficult decision for judges **Bruce Tully** (Warwick), **Sue Edson** (Surrey), **Peta Hellman** (Falstone), **Maya Hyman** (Falstone)

Council Liaison Assignments and Other Town Representation for July 2018 – June 2019

By Council President Marnie Shaul, *Uppingham Street*

Each year the council agrees on council member liaison assignments to the Town's Committees. It also agrees 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 and other residents listed below.

Assignments for Town Committees:

- Audit Committee: Morris Panner, Marnie Shaul, Alternate
- Environmental Committee: Steve Surko, Marnie Shaul, Alternate
- Parks and Natural Resources Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale, Alternate
- Pool Committee: Marnie Shaul, Morris Panner, Alternate
- Swim Team Committee: Franny Peale, Morris Panner, Alternate
- Tennis Committee: Franny Peale, Barbara Zeughauser, Alternate

Other Liaison Assignments and Council Responsibilities:

- Ad Hoc Communications Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Marnie Shaul

- Ad Hoc Budget Committee: Marnie Shaul, Steve Surko, and Morris Panner
- Ad Hoc Personnel Committee: Marnie Shaul, Barbara Zeughauser
- Ad Hoc Town Hall Committee: Barbara Zeughauser, Franny Peale
- Ad Hoc Traffic Committee: Marnie Shaul
- 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: Steve Surko, Marnie Shaul, Alternate
- Code Review: Franny Peale, Barbara Condos
- Montgomery Municipal Cable, MMCTV Channel 16: Marnie Shaul
- Snow Removal: Barbara Zeughauser
- Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee: Barbara Condos
- Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board: Carrie Wofford

GENERAL PERMITS

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

4810 ESSEX AVENUE

- 1 dogwood tree

5702 WARWICK PLACE

- 1 white oak tree

4709 TRENT COURT

- 1 white oak tree

FENCE PERMIT

5400 GREYSTONE STREET

- fence replacement in the side yard

CLASSIFIED ADS

BOZEMAN, MONTANA: Awesome Every Season! Ski Big Sky & the Bridgers! Fly fishing. Trail rides. White-water rafting. Hiking/biking everywhere. Enjoy our 4-bedroom home on 20 acres with spectacular 360-degree vistas. Four-night minimum stay. Just four miles to downtown Bozeman. Contact **Birdie Pieczenik** at SRPVacationHomes@gmail.com or 301-652-1207.

PARIS, FRANCE: Picturesque Day and Nite! And more affordable than ever! Enjoy our one-bedroom apartment in the 2nd arrondissement — the heart of historic Paris. Walk to the Louvre, the Pompidou Center, the Seine and two Metro stops. Four-night minimum stay. Contact **Birdie Pieczenik** at SRPVacationHomes@gmail.com or 301-652-1207.

LIFESTYLE AND WELLNESS COACHING: Would you like to get unstuck and upgrade your lifestyle and wellness habits? Small changes can make a lasting difference. If you are curious to see if coaching is right for you contact Certified Wellness Coach **Diane Horn** RDH CHHC at 301-654-0310 or diane.b.horn@gmail.com.

WINTERGREEN, VIRGINIA RESORT: TripAdvisor #FKN9242609. 9 BR/9.5 baths. Wintergreen's premier Mountaintop Lodge. Seasonal Blue Ridge views. Ideal for retreats, reunions, vacations, couples weekends; ski, golf, tennis, spa, hiking getaways. Enormous decks, floor-to-ceiling windows, natural woodwork, soaring Great Room. Near outstanding Nelson County micro-brewery/vineyard route near Charlottesville. **Bob Gage** at rgage@cov.com; 202-744-5943.

SEA COLONY - BETHANY BEACH - EDGEWATER BUILDING OCEAN FRONT: 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Sunday to Sunday rentals - \$2,900 per week (Somerset special price) Call 301-233-2727, **Luba Marx**.

Ads are printed as a courtesy to Town residents. The Town makes no representations as to quality, safety or otherwise regarding the goods and services advertised. Readers should make their own inquiries. To place an ad, submit typed or neatly printed copy to the Clerk-Treasurer. Ads must include a Somerset phone number. Price: \$5 per advertisement per issue. Check or exact change. Fifty word limit per advertisement.



SOMERSET FLAGS FOR SALE

Reminder...Somerset flags are now available for sale at \$35 each.

Please contact George Schlossberg (Trent) at **George.schlossberg@kutakrock.com** if you would like to order a flag or for more information.



Manager's Corner

By Rich Charnovich, *Town Manager*

Going on Vacation in August?

Montgomery County Police Department publishes a list of important tips on its website to protect your home while you are away. You can visit the website and view the tips at this link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/ofc-info/Crimetips.html>

Summer Safety Montgomery County Website

Montgomery County provides a comprehensive summer safety guide from A to Z. Here is a web link to this important and useful resource for residents of Somerset and the County: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/>

Summertime Reminder: Drive Carefully in the Neighborhood

With summer in full swing, please be on the lookout for children walking and playing outside. Please also be mindful of children walking and biking to and from the Town Pool.

Parking near Driveways: Observe the Five-Foot Rule

I am periodically notified about vehicles being parked too close to driveways. Please be mindful of this. Montgomery County police law says vehicles cannot be parked within five feet of a driveway. This can be reported to the police department, and a vehicle could be towed for this offense. Towing is at the discretion of the police officer, however.

Keep Your Cars Locked When Parked on Streets and Driveways!

Here are examples of vehicle anti-theft prevention:

- Lock all your 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 the vehicle.

- Park in a well-lit and populated area.
- Use an anti-theft device that has a visible indicator (about \$20 to \$50). They lock 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.

Reporting Streetlight Outages to PEPCO

Adequate street lighting helps to improve safety in a community. Should you ever notice a streetlight out, please report it to me in the Town Hall. The Town Hall will see to it that it is reported to PEPCO. Alternatively, if you would like to help us out, you can also report streetlight outages directly to PEPCO's website: <https://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>

Reporting Discolored Water to WSSC

I periodically notice posts on the private list serv concerning discolored water. If your water is discolored, you should report this directly to WSSC at 301-206-4002 or to emergencycallcenter@wsscwater.com. If you would like further information, you can also view this website: <https://www.wsscwater.com/discoloredwater>

Maintenance of Shrubbery over Sidewalks and Common Areas

Now that summer is here, please make sure you understand the section of the Town Code relating to shrubbery growing over sidewalks and maintenance of the area between your property and the street curb. This law is important for the safety and visibility of pedestrians, motorists, and bicyclists.

Section 4-101 of the Code speaks to 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 at www.townofsomerset.com

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin



As I always say, "The sun always shines on Somerset on July 4th." It was again true this year as we celebrated our great nation's birthday. We had a very nice turnout at Town Hall and, as is our recent tradition, we highlighted the accomplishments of our young people. The cupcake-decorating contest was more competitive than ever; we heard messages from elected officials, including **County Executive Ike Leggett, Congressman Jamie Raskin, State Senator Susan Lee** and **Delegate Marc Korman**; and of course we were inspired by all the students who read the Declaration of Independence. Thanks to the Town Staff and volunteers who helped make the day so special.

Later that afternoon I had the pleasure of bringing greetings from our residents to the July 4th event at the Village of Friendship Heights next door, where officials honored former **Ambassador Connie Morella**. And don't forget to stop by the newly renovated public library in Bethesda, which was recently renamed for this dedicated public servant. And don't miss out on updating your library card. The libraries are essential to our democracy.

Thanks to everyone who so quickly put away all their candidates' signs after the recent primary election. I look forward to seeing them reappear closer to the General Election in November. While I am glad so many residents are engaged in the political process, the proliferation of these placards, especially when they are haphazardly placed, does not necessarily enhance the streetscape. I realize how important they are and I hope that we will always be very thoughtful in terms of location of signs on our property.

As often happens in the summer months, minor crime increases in Somerset. I have spoken with the police about this topic recently and wish to remind everyone to always lock cars and increase lighting inside and surrounding your house, especially when you are away. These are some of the best ways to prevent crime.

Safe travels to all this summer!

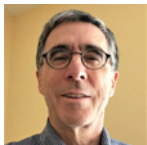
Somerset's Helping Hand Is Just an Email or Phone Call Away



If you need a ride, someone to pick up some groceries or a prescription, a ride to the Metro, or even if you just want to get to a friend's house, please contact **Somerset Helping Hand**. We have a list of 30 Somerset volunteers who can help.

Send an email to HHSomerset@gmail.com or call **Barbara Zeughauser** at 301-951-8560, **Kathleen Kenyon** at 301-656-8581 or **Jim Berry** at 301-656-6089.

If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please send an email to HHSomerset@gmail.com.



All About People

By Eugene Tillman, *Warwick Place*

The Town has added several new residents over the past few months, and I know many of you have already helped welcome our new neighbors. I'm devoting this column to the recent arrivals of six families. The stories I heard from these newcomers underscore the special qualities of a community where we have the good fortune to live.



In early June, **Mary Stuart McCamy** moved into a house on Cumberland. She has four children – Liam (23) (a graduate of UNC, Chapel Hill with a BS in biochemistry), **Julian** (21) (also at UNC and studying business), **Eleanor** (19) (at Elon University in interfaith studies), and **Leighton** (17) (a rising senior at St. Albans). After circling Somerset for around 20 years, Mary Stuart found her dream home which has southern exposure and lots of sun. She volunteers with nonprofits which includes a major commitment to a reading support group (Reading Partners) where she started as a tutor and now serves as a board member as well. Among other things, the family loves to bike, hike, and fish. Mary Stuart comes from a large extended family which regularly gathers in the western Carolina mountains for family connection and outdoor activity – a tradition dating back several generations.

Also in early June and also on Cumberland, **Brett and Shelley Guiley** arrived with their son, **Max** (4). Brett and Shelley had their eyes on Somerset for many years. They bought a new house while it was under construction and consequently had a lot of input on the finishing touches. They (including Max) are over the moon. Brett is making a major career transition from working as an international tax lawyer in Big 4 accounting firms to being a middle school teacher. As part of his training, he will student teach at McKinley Tech in Northeast DC this fall and, closer to home, at Westland Middle School in spring 2019. Shelley

is a managing director with the Carlyle Group, a major private equity player. Her background is in finance, and her focus at Carlyle is on raising investment funds. In addition to being enthralled with dinosaurs, Max loves the pool and has become a certified water bug.

A little earlier (in late March), **Maya and Robert Hyman** moved into a house on Falstone with their two children, **Elizabeth** (7) and **Marcus** (6). The Hymans previously lived near downtown Silver Spring and, following a large renovation, weren't in the market for a new home. Maya is a real estate professional with Compass Group and has helped clients buy houses in Somerset. While previewing one on Falstone, she immediately knew it was meant for her family. After some back and forth with her husband and after being in Hawaii during January's nuclear alert, Maya and Robert had a "life is short" reckoning and decided make an offer on the house. Somerset has far exceeded their expectations. They met more people in their first two weeks here than they had in their four years in Silver Spring. Elizabeth is on the swim team, and both children helped carry the flag in the Town's July 4 parade. Not to be forgotten, Robert works in the Federal Highway Administration (DOT) on climate change, including how to build roads and bridges to mitigate its effects.

In May, **Jeff Nussbaum**, already familiar to many in the Town, moved into a house on Essex. His two girls, **Ada** (9) and **Sophia** (7), have attended Somerset Elementary since kindergarten. Jeff was the course director for the

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All About People

Back to School Classic for the last two years and has assumed the reins as Race Chair for this fall's event. Jeff is a partner at West Wing Writers and began his career as a speech writer for Al Gore. West Wing writes speeches and provides other communications support for corporations, foundations, and thought leaders. Jeff and the girls love the community and are looking forward to everything it has to offer.

At the end of June, **Carrie Goux and Jonathan Spalter** arrived on Warwick Place with their four children – **Sage** (17), **Willia** (15), **Lael** (12), and **Luc** (6). The family had rented for a year in Chevy Chase Village after having spent the previous 13 years in Berkeley, CA. Before that, they lived in Paris for five years where their two eldest children were born. Carrie and Jonathan had heard that Somerset was a great place to raise children and then had the good fortune of finding a house they loved. Carrie works for Great Schools, a national educational nonprofit which helps parents learn about the quality of their children's schools. She is the VP for Communications and Public Affairs. Jonathan is the CEO of US Telecom, a trade association representing the interests of the nation's large and not so large telecommunications (broadband) companies. The family enjoys travel and, in particular, being out and about – at the beach, hiking, and on walks.

And finally, **Sloane and Nate Hurst** and their son, **Warner** (7), took up residence in Somerset in mid-June. Sloane and Nate lived in Takoma Park for 12 years before embarking on a two-year effort to find a new neighborhood with a strong sense of community and where Warner could find friends his own age. They decamped from Takoma Park to the Irene in Friendship Heights for two years while undertaking a systematic search of neighborhoods and elementary schools in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Sloane wouldn't tell me how many elementary schools they visited! In any case, the search culminated (not far from the Irene) with a tour of Somerset Elementary and the purchase of their home on Dorset. The family is thrilled to be here and loves Somerset's small town feel and walkability. Sloane is a nonprofit consultant who runs her own company, C3 Strategies LLC. Much of her work is in the higher education and environmental space. Nate is the Chief Sustainability and Social Impact Officer for Hewlett Packard. Warner loves baseball which has prompted periodic family outings to Nationals games.

It was a delight for me to learn about each of these families as I prepared this column. I hope you have an opportunity to get acquainted with our new neighbors as you mingle at the pool and enjoy walks around the Town.



If you have any news you'd like to see in All About People – births, graduations, family milestones, awards, achievements, and the like – please forward the information to columnist Eugene Tillman at allaboutsomerset@gmail.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in regular session on July 2, 2018 and took the following actions:

1. Approval of the May 7, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Town Committee and Board representation list for 2018-2019.
3. Approval of the appointment of Barbara Condos (Falstone) to the Town Pool Committee.
4. Approval of a building permit application at 5804 Surrey Street to extend the deck in the rear yard, install a pergola over the existing concrete breezeway, and installation of a dumpster for the duration of the project.
5. Approval of the removal of a Town Tilia tree located at 4709 Dorset Avenue as recommended by the Town Arborist.
6. Approval of the removal of a Town Zelkova tree located at 4725 Dorset Avenue (on Surrey Street) as recommended by the Town Arborist.
7. Approval of an invoice in the amount of \$15,618.60 to be paid to Balodemas Architects for work in relation to the second floor and exterior alterations projects at the Town Hall for the months of March 1, 2018 through June 13, 2018.
8. Approval of a HVAC unit replacement permit at 4919 Cumberland Avenue.
9. Tabled confirmation approval of a HVAC unit replacement permit at 4708 Dorset Avenue.
10. Approval to establish an official Town of Somerset MD Listserv and to adopt official rules for usage of the Listserv.
11. Approval of a new ADA Lift for the Town Pool at a cost of \$5,600.00 as recommended by Community Pool Service.
12. Approval to purchase a new ping pong table for the Town Pool and an additional bike rack for the Town Pool area as recommended by the Pool Committee at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 for both items.
13. Approval to install a new water fountain at the Town Pool near the kitchen under the pavilion area as recommended by the Pool Committee.
14. Mayor Slavin provided his monthly report. An update was discussed regarding the ongoing Town Code and Charter update project. Town Manager Charnovich provided his monthly administrative and financial reports. Lee Peyton of Lee's Tree Service was in attendance to introduce himself to the Mayor and Council. Lee's Tree Service is starting as the Town tree contractor from July of 2018 through June of 2019. Bid consideration for work in the interior and exterior of the Town Hall was tabled until the August Meeting. Town Attorney Bolt provided the Council and Mayor a general update concerning legislation related to wireless communications facilities in the public rights of way.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Somerset Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall, Monday, August 6, 2018–7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018 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 (l to r): Morris Panner, Marnie Shaul, Franny Peale, Barbara Zeughauser, Stephen Surko

CONSENT

1. **Motion:** To consider approval of the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. **Motion:** To consider approval of the July 2, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. **Motion:** To consider appointment of Ron Bolt to serve as the Town Attorney for FY19.
4. **Motion:** To consider appointment of Rich Charnovich to serve as the Town Manager for FY19.

NON-CONSENT

5. **Discussion:** Town Manager July Administrative and Financial Reports — 7:35 p.m.
6. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of a building permit at 4813 Falstone Avenue to construct a 1-story screened porch addition in the rear yard — 7:55 p.m.
7. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider bids received for work on the exterior and interior of the Town Hall — 8:00 p.m.

8. **Public Hearing/Motion:** Landscape Plan presentation by Backyard Bounty for the area near Wisconsin Avenue and Dorset Avenue — 8:30 p.m.
9. **Public Hearing/Motion:** To consider approval of the purchase of a survey monkey subscription at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 as recommended by the Traffic Committee — 8:45 p.m.
10. **Discussion/Motion:** Small cell towers in the right of way legislation update by Town Attorney, Ron Bolt, and consideration to authorize a letter to be sent to the United States Congress in relation to the Streamline Small Cell Deployment Act — 8:55 p.m.
11. **Discussion:** Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Halloween Safety Committee — 9:05 p.m.
12. **Recognition:** Barbara Condos for her years of service on the Town Council — 9:15 p.m.
13. **Recognition:** Dudley Fowlkes for his years of service in the Town Council — 9:20 p.m.
14. **Discussion:** General Code Update — 9:25 p.m.
15. **Discussion:** Mayor's Report — 9:30 p.m.
16. **Adjourn** — 9:35 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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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.

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